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TATVTA BONVM PVBLICVM

concernentia Edita in Parlamento tento apud
VVestm. xvi. die Ianuarii, Agnoregni prapote-
tissimi & metuēdissimi Anglie & Frauncie regis,
fidei defensoris, & dñi Hibernie, Henrici Octauī,
diuerfas prorogatiōes eiusdē parliamēti primo inchoatū xxii.
post apud Lōdinum iiii. die Nouēb. Anno xxi. eiusdem regis;
& inde adiurnati & prorogati vsque ad VVestmonasterium,
& ibidem continuati per xliiij. dies, Videlicet vsque ad xvii.
diem Decembris: & ab eodem die & loco vsque xxvi. diem A-
prilis proxī. sequentis: & ab eo die vsque ad xxiij. diem Iunij,
& ab illo die ad primum diem Octobris, & a primo die Octo-
bris vsque ad xxiij. diem eiusdem mensis, & ab illo die
vsque xvi. diem Ianuarij secundum leges terre rite
prorogati, & ibidem continuati per lxxv. dies,
videlicet ad vltimum diem martii eodem
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An acte concerning maintenaunce of drapery and against regrating of wolles. Cap.i.



Where at a parliament holden at westminster in the 4. yere of the raigne of the moste victorious Prince of famous memorie king Henry the seventh, moste dere father vnto the kinges highnes oure soueraigne Lorde for the encrease and maintenaunce of draperye, & makinge of wollen clothes wythin this realme, it was established and enacted that no maner personne by himselfe, or by any other, should bie or bargaine from the fyrst day of Marche which was in the yere of oure lord God M. CCCC. lxxxix. anye wolles than vnshorne of the growing of Barkeshyre, Dreforde shyre Glocestour shyre, Herforde shyre, Shropshyre, Worcester shyre, Essex, Willshyre, Somersette shyre, Dorset shyre, Hampe shyre, Hartford shyre, Cambridge shyre, Northfolke, Suffolke, Kente, Surrey, or Sussler, or of any of them, before the feast of the Assumption of our Lady then nexte ensuyng, or bie or bargaine any wolles, or take promise of bargain of any wolles, that shoulde grow in any of the sayd shyres in any yere or yeaeres to come after þe said feast of thassumption of our lady, any tyme before the same feast of the Assumption of our lady that shoulde be next after þe shering of the same wool or wolles, but onely such persons as of the sayd wolles shoulde make or doe to bee made yerne or cloth wythin this realme, vpon peine of forsaiture of þe double value of all the sayde wolles boughte or to bee bargayned or taken by promise of bargain contrary to the sayd ordinance. Nor þe any merchant stranger by himself, or by any other person in any yere than to come, shoulde by any wolles before the feast of the Purification of our lady nexte after the clippinge or sheringe of the same, vpon like peine of forsaiture: The one halfe, of such forsaiture to be to the kinges vse, and the other halfe to him that would sue the party that shoulde breke the said ordinance. And that any person that would sue in that parte, shoulde haue an action of Debt of the sayd forsaiture, and such proces in the same action shoulde be had, as is in action of Dette at the common lawe, or after the custome of the citie borough or towne, where it shoulde happen to be sued, and that no essoine ne protection shoulde be allowed for the defendaunt in that action, nor that the defendant therein shoulde be admitted to wage his law. And furthermore it was ordeyned by the same acte, that no maner person being sworn to be a wolle packer in any wyse after the said fyrste day of Marche shoulde bye or bargain any maner of wolles, for any such marchant stranger wythin this realme, vpon paine of forsaiture of the same wolles so bought bargayned or gathered to þe vse of any such marchant stranger, as by the same act is plainly declared. The which good statute and acte was made onely to indure for the terme of x. yeres than nexte ensuynge, which terme is now longe

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long tyme past and expired. Sithen the expyration wherof there haue ben and dayly bee manye broggers regratours & gatherers of wolles wythin the sayde shyres, as well to the vse of straungers, as the kynges Englishe subiectes, which drape not the same wolles wythin this realme, which broggers and gatherours preuente so the clothmakers in the prouision of the sayd wolles, and put verely suche pyeces to the same, that the cloth makers by whom any of the kynges subiects of this realme haue ben comonly set a worke, canot drape ne be able for lacke of wolles at reasonable prices to drape such multitude of wollē clothes, as they haue bē accustomed in times paste, by reason wherof many of the kynges subiectes, which liued by drapery, for lacke of worke be brought to idlenes, and daily incurre and fall to robberies & other inconueniences. For reformation wherof it may please the kynges highnes, by thassent of the lords spirituall and temporall & the commons in this present parliamente assembled, & by auctorite of the same to establish and enacte that y^e sayd estatute made in the said iiii. yere of the reigne of the sayde late kinge, bee reuiued in euery article thereof, and from the fyrst daye of Marche nexte comminge to stand in as good strengthe quality and effecte in euery article therein conterned, as it was in any time wythin the sayde x. yeaeres expessed in the same estatute: and so to endure for the terme of x. yeres from nowe next ensuinge, and fro thende of those x. yeres vnto thende of the next parliament to be holden after the same yeres. And furthermore it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, y^e no maner personne in any wyse after the fyrst day of Marche nexte commynge, shall bie or bargayne any maner of wolles, wythin this realme for any marchaunt straunger nor take any promise of bargayne or sale of any wolles for any marchaunt stranger wythin this realme, vpon paine of forfaiture of the same wolles so bought, or wherof promise or bargayne or sale shalbe take, or the value of the same wolles. This acte to endure from the sayd fyrst day of Marche next comming vnto thend of x. yeres next ensuing and further as is aboue written. Also it is ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this parliamente, that all worsted makers, makers of sayes stamings hatters & cappers of this realme, shall haue from henceforth like liberty and tyme of byeng and prouision of wolles for the onely vse and employmentes of makynge of worsteddes sayes stammines hattes and cappes wythin this realme, as is ordeyned by the sayd acte made in this presente parliamente, and by the sayde acte made in the sayd fourth yere of the reigne of kyng Henry the vii. for clothiers and makers of yarne. And further be it enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that this acte and euery article and thinge therein contayned, shall take effecte and be put in execution, as wel within y^e shyres of Buck. Northampton, Lecester, Huntingdon, warwike, Lincolne, Darbie, Rutlande, Northampton and Dorke, as in any of the shyres aboue rehearsed for prouision or byenge of any wolles of the growe of anye of the same shyres of Buck. North-

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Northampton, Leicester, Huntingdon, Warwike, Lincolne, Darby, Rutland, Nottingham & Yorke, contrarie to any article cōtayned in this presente atte, and that all bargaynes, couenauntes, promises, contractes and prouisions for wolles heretofore made, or at any time hereafter before the firste day of Marche nexte commyng to be made by any person or persons in any of the shires aboue reherfed for any yeare or yeares to come, shalbe voyde & of none effect excepte the byer prouider or such persons, to whom anye such former contracte or promise is made, do put the same wolles by him receiued by reason of any such former contract, couenaunte or promise into yarne or clothe within this realme.

An acte concerninge the triall of forein plees pleaded by felons. Cap. ij.



Here amonge other thynges it was considered by the hole court of parliamēt of our most excellent souerayne lord the kinge holden in the.iiij.yere of his noble reygne, that murderers & felons, lawfully arraigned of their detestable offences, bare them bolde vpon imagining & pleadinge of feyned & vntrewe forein plees triable in forein counties, to thentēt to be remoued from place to place by colozable & vntrewe suggestions, & for to be vntreuely acquit by fauour might or corruption, so that they lyued in maner without feare or dyede: For reformation wherEOF, & for the commō wealth of this realme, it was enacted by auctozity of the sayd parliament, that if any murderer or felon vpon his arrainemēt fro then did allege, that he had takē any church or churchyarde for murder or felony, or other place priuiledged for the same in a forein county, & against his will was takē out thereof: That then the kinges attornei, or any other person that woulde sewe or alledge for the kinge, that the sayde murderer or felon so arrayned, was taken at large in the same shire, where he is arrayned, that then the same allegaunce & issue should be tried by the inqueste that shoulde trie the sayd murder or felony within the same shire, and before the same Iustices where the sayd murderer or felon, is arrayned, as though the sayde forein plee had not be pleded by the sayde felon. And that if it were founde by y same inquest, that the sayd murderer or felon was taken within the same shyre, as is aforesayde, that than he to haue no aduantage or benefite of the matter alledged by him for taking out of the church or churchyarde, or other place priuiledged in any such forein shire, & that the sayd acte should endure to the next parliament from than ensuyng, as by the same acte made in the sayde.iiij.yere manifestly appereth. And for as muche as sythe the time of expiracion of the sayde acte made in the sayd fourth yere many abhomynable murders, as well of priestes as of other persones robberies of church, and robberies of persones in their houses, as well by daye as

by nighte, and other most detestable murders and felonies haue bene committed and done within this realme. And the mo & more often bicause þ the sayde statute hath bene expired and ended from & synce the beginninge of the parliamente of our sayde soueraygne lorde, holden in the .vi. yere of his moste noble reygne: It is ordeined & enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that the sayde acte made in the sayde .iiij. yere, and euery thyng therein conteyned, conceyning the sayde fozeyn plees and replicacions therunto to be made and trials therof, shall now be reuiued, and shall stande in full force and effect, and shall continue & endure from henceforth for ever, as if the same acte had bene ogyginally made perpetuall and not determinable.

An acte concerninge Plumstede Marthes. Cap. iij.



Here as the Marthes of Plumstede and Ilesenes, with the outragiousnesse of the ryuer of Chamys, hath bene and yet be drowned by occasiō of þ breches in the marthe walles of Plumstede Ilesenes and Erithe: And where the breche in Plumstede marthe aforesayde hath bene and is made, for innynge of whiche breche of Plumstede and maintenaunce and defence of the marthe walles aboute the same breche, as well for making of a newe crosse wall to bee made from the Chamys vnto the bylande for innynge of the sayde marthe of Plumstede, as also for the innynge of certayne nombre of acres in the leuell and marshes of Ilesenes to be inclosed, inned and defended by the sayde crosse walle frō the water of Chamys, commynge in at Erithe breche, and drownynge and ouerflowing the sayde Marthe and leuell, and for dryanyng of the same, and for the mayntenaunce of the olde marthe walles by the Chamys syde from the sayde newe crosse walle nyghe vnto woolwych, diuers and sundry Selles scottes and Taris haue bene made, cessed, scotted, set and tared by vertue of commission, and the daye of payementes thereof in the parishe Church of Plumstede, accordinge as heretofore for cesses of Plumstede marthe hath ben accustomed, hath bene declared and proclaimed, which cesses scottes and tares diuerse possessioners, owners, landelordes, tenants & profite takers of the sayd landes within the sayde marshes and leuell at the daye mencioned and appoynted by proclamation, haue not payed, nor yet do paye contrarpe to the lawes of Plumstede marthe heretofore made, by which lawes for none payment of such cesses, scottes and tares, they ought to pay them and they doubles. In defaulte of whiche paiemente the sayd bayly of the sayde marthe and leuell now being, and other by his assignement to theire great hinderaunce haue bene constrained to pay diuers of þ said scottes, cesses and tares for the innynge of the said marthe maintenance and defence of the same, or elles the same marshes & leuell had bene vterly loste

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losse without remedy. For the recovery of which cesses, scottes, and taxes so by the baily and his assignes paid and of other scottes and cesses now due, by the occasion of the sayde outrageous drowninge of the sayde marshes, the saide bayly and his assignes haue no remedy or meane to leuy the same: So that for none paiment of the said cesses, scottes and taxes not on- ly the saide warke is like to perishe, and not like to be finished, onlesse spee- dy remedy may be had for the leuyinge thereof: but also all such summes of money as before this time haue bene imployed for the innynge defence and maintenaunce of the same, are like to be lost, to the vtter destruction of the saide marshes and leuel, and to the extreme ruine and decay of the countrey therunto adioyning, and to the greate decay of the riuer of Thamys afoze sayde, and to the disherison, as well of our soueraigne lord the kinge as of other owners, possessioners and tenauntes that haue, do and will pay such cesses, scottes & taxes, as before this time or in time to come hath or shall be cessed, set and taxed for the same. In consideration wherof be it enacted by our soueraigne lord the kinge, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by thau thorite of the same, that the bayly of the saide marshes and leuell now beyng or his as- signes, shall and may by force of this acte, make proclamacion on any son- day hereafter ensuyng in the parishe churche of Plumsted afozesayde, as well of this acte as also that all suche cesses, scottes and taxes at the tyme of the sayde proclamacion made, beyng behinde and vnpayed, shalbe payed at a certaine place in the saide proclamacion to be limited, within .xx. dayes nexte ensuyng after the day of the same proclamacon. And he that so pay- eth, shalbe discharged of any doubles due heretofore for none paymente of the same. And if the sayde cesses, scottes and taxes be not payd by the ende of the sayde .xx. dayes after suche proclamacion to the sayde bayly his execu- tours or assignes, that then euery person or persons, whiche ought to paye the same cesses, scottes & taxes, shall forsayte the doubles of the same cesses scottes and taxes: And that than if the sayde cesses, scottes and taxes and theyr doubles be not payed by the feast of saynt Mychaell tharchaungell now nexte commynge, vnto the sayde bayliffe his executors or assignes: than it shalbe lawfull to euery owner possessioner landlord tenaunte and profite taker of landes and tenementes and other profites within the sayd marshes and leuell or any other person or persons, whiche hath, dothe and will pay to the sayd bayliffe his executors or assignes suche cesses, scottes, and taxes or any of them so due and vnpayed by any other owner posses- sioner, landlord, tenaunt, profit, taker of landes and tenementes within the same leuel, to entre into all the sayd landes and tenementes and other pro- fits within the sayd marshes and leuel so cessed, scotted and taxed, and the same from thenceforth to haue hold perceiue and occupy to him or them, his or their heyres, successours or assignes for ever by vertue of this presēt acte without let or interruptiō of any of the same owners, possessioners, land-
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lordes, tenauntes, takers of profites, termers or any other person or persons which haue or shall haue any estate, title, interest, vse or terme in any of those landes and tenementes & other profites so cessed, scotted and taxed, by reason of any intayle, giste, graunte or other title what soeuer it be.

Be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that the same law shall be had and executed for any scot, tare or cesse hereafter to be had and made before the feast of the Natiuitie of saint John Baptist now next coming by vertue of any commission within any of the sayd marshes and leuel, any acte or vse to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided alway this acte notwithstandinge, that such person or persons their heires and assignes, who soeuer shall so renne in the doubles & losse of his or their landes, may at any time within .iij. yeres next folowing the time limited for the losse of the sayde lande bynge in and pay the sayd cesses, tares and his or theyr doubles to him or them that shall haue the sayde lande by the auctorite of this acte, or to his heires or assignes, and so to enioy his or theyr land againe from the day of the paymēt of his or their sayd money for the sayd cesses, tares and doubles or elles they and every of them, theyr heires and assignes to be from thenceforth excluded and barred from all title, right, vse, possession, action and entre to be had of or to the sayd landes or any parcell therof for ever.

Provided alway and be it further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde that if any man hauing any lands in possession or in vse in the right of his wife, tenaunte by the curtesy, tenaunt in dower, tenaunte for terme of life, terme of yeres, tenaunt by Elegit, tenaunt by statute marchaunt, gardein in socage, gardeine in chivalrye or any other hauynge any particuler interest vnderestate of inheritance in any landes tenementes or any other yerely profites chargeable to the sayd cesses, scottes, tares and doubles, now rated, taxed or sette or hereafter to be rated, taxed and sette, which haue before this tyme payd, or at any time hereafter shall pay duringe hys or theyr sayd interest in or to the same, any summe or summes of money for the defence innynge & maintenaunce of the sayde marshes and leuell, ouer and aboue all such summe or summes as he or they haue or shall receiue and take of the same landes or other yerely profites, that from thenceforth it shalbe lawful vnto every such particuler tenaunt occupier or other profite taker their executors or assignes by force and vertue of this present acte to holde keepe, possed and reteine the same landes or other yerely profites to his or theyr owne vse, against all and every suche person or persons, to whom the same landes, tenementes, or other yerely profites should and oughte to descend remayne or reuerter after all and every such particuler estate expyred and determined, vntill he or they haue fully receiued, taken and had of and vpon the same all such summes of money as they or any of them haue bestowed, imploied, expended and paid in and for the defence innynge & maintenaunce of the same.

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An acte concerning exactions leuied on prentises. Cap. iiii.



A the prayer of the commons in this present parliament assembled, resiting that wher it was established & enacted in the xix. yere of our late soueraigne lord king Henry the vii. that no master wardens and felowship of craftes, or any of the, nor any rulers of guildes or fraternities take vpon them to make any actes or ordinaunces, ne to execute any actes or ordinaunces by them hereafter made or hereafter to be made in disinheritaunce or diminution of the prerogative of the king, nor of other, nor against the common profite of the people, but if the same act or ordinaunces, be examined or approued by the Chauncellour, Treasourer of England, or chiefe Justice of either bench or 2. of them, or before the Justices of Assise in theyr circuite or progres in the shyre, where such actes or ordinaunces be made, vpon peine of forfaiture of xl li. for every time that they do the contrary as more plainely in the said acte doth appeare. Sith which time diuers wardens & felowships haue made actes & ordinaunces, & every prentise shall pay at his fyrst entree in theyr common hall to the wardens of the same felowship. some of them xl. s. some xxx. s. some xx. s. some xiii. s. iiii. d. some vi. s. viii. d. some iii. s. iiii. d. after theyr owne senister minde and pleasure, contrarie to the meaning of the acte aforesayde, and to the greate hurte of the kinges true subiectes putting their children to be prentise. It is therefore now ordeyned established and enacted by the king our soueraigne lord, by the aduise of the lordes spirituall and tempozall, and of the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the aucthority of the same, that no master wardens or felowships of craftes or maysters or any of them, nor any rulers of fraternities take from henceforthe of anye apprentice or of any other person or persons for the entree of any prentise into their saide felowship aboue the somme of li. s. vi. d. nor for his entree whan his yeres and terme is expyred & ended aboue iii. s. iiii. d. vppon peine of forfaiture of xl. pounde for every time that they do to the contrary: & one halfe to the king our soueraigne lord, the other halfe to the partie that therefore shall sue by action of Det, informacion, or otherwyle: and that in the action aforesayde no protection or esoyne shall be allowed.

An acte concerninge reparyng and amendinge of
bridges in highe wayes. Cap. v.



B it enacted by the kinge our soueraigne lord, and the lordes spirituall and tempozall, & the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, & by aucthority of the same, that the Justices of peace in every shyre of this realme fraichise cittie or borough or iiii. of them at the least, whereof one to be of the quo-

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rum, shall haue power and auctoritie to enquire heare and determine in y^e kinges generall sessions of peace, of all maner of annoyances of bridges broken in the high wayes, to the damage of the kinges liege people and to make such proses and peynes bypon euery presentment afore them for the reformation of the same againe such as owen to be charged for y^e makinge or amendinge of suche bridges, as the kinges Iustices of his benche vse commonly to do. or as it shall seeme by there discretion to be necessary and conuenient for the speedie amendement of such bridges. And where in many partes of this realme it cannot be knownen and proued what hundred ridinge, wapentake, cittie, boroughe, towne or parische, nor what personne certaine or body politicke ought of right to make such bridges decayed, by reason whereof suche decayed bridges for lacke of knowledge of suche as owen to make them, for the most part lyeng long without any amendmēte to the great annoisance of the kinges subiectes: For the remedy thereof be it enacted by auctority aforesaide, that in euery such case the saide bridges, if they be without the cittie or towne corporate, shall be made by the inhabitants of the shire or ridinge, within the which the said bridge decayde shall happen to bee: And if it be within any cittie or towne corporate, than by y^e inhabitants of euery such cittie or towne corporate, wherein such bridges shall happen to bee. And if part of any suche bridges so decayde happen to be in one shire, ridinge, cittie or towne corporate, and the other part thereof in an other shire, ridinge, cittie or towne corporate, or if parte be wythin the limittes of anye cittie or towne corporate and parte wythoute, or parte within one rydinge, and part within another: that then in euery such case the inhabitants of the shires, ridinges, citties or townes corporate shall be charged and chargeable to amende make and repaire suche parte and porcion of such bridges so decayed, as shall lie and be wythin the limittes of the shire ridinge cittie or towne corporate, wherein they be inhabited at the time of the same decayes.

And be it further enacted, that in euery suche case, where it cannot bee knownen and proued what persons, landes, tenementes & bodies politicke owen to make and repaire suche bridges, that for speedy reformation and amendinge of such bridges, the Iustices of peace wythin the shires or rydinges wherein such decayed bridges ben out of citty & townes corporate and if it be within citties or townes corporate: than the Iustices of peace within euery such cittie or towne corporate or iii. of the saide Iustices at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue power and auctority within the limittes of their seuerall commissions and auctorities to call before them the Constables of euery towne and parische, being wythin the shire ridinge, citie or towne corporate, as well within libertie as withoute wherein such bridges or any parcell thereof shall happen to be, or els two of the most honest inhabitants wythin euery such towne or parische in the sayde shire ridinge, cittie or towne corporate by the discretion of the sayde Iustices

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Justices of peace, or iiii. of them at the least, wherof one to be of the Quorum: And at and vppon the apparances of such Constables or inhabitauntes, the sayde Justices of peace, or iiii. of theym, wherof one to bee of Quorum, wyth the assent of the said constables or inhabitaunts shal haue power and auctorite to tare and set euery inhabitaunte in anye suche cittie towne or parish within the limittes of theyr commissions and auctorities to such reasonable ayde and somme of money, as they shall thincke by their discretions conuenient and sufficient for the repayyng, reedifyng and amendement of such bridges, and after suche taracion made, the sayde Justices shall cause the names and sommes of euery particuler person, so by them tared, to be witten in a rolle indented. And shall also haue power & auctority to make ii. collectours of euery hundzed, for collection of all such sommes of money, by them sette and tared, which collectours receyuinge the one parte of the sayd rolle indented vnder the seales of the sayd Justices, shall haue power and auctoritie, to collecte and receiue all the particular sommes of money therein conteyned, and to distreine euery such inhabitant, as shalbe tared and refuse payment thereof, in his lands, goods and cattelles, and to sell suche distres, and of the sale thereof retayne and perceiue all the money tared, and y^e residue (if the distres be better) to deliuer to the owner therof. And that the same Justices, or iiii. of them, wythin the limittes of their commissions and auctorities, shall also haue power and auctority to name and appoint ii. Surueyours, which shall see euery such decayde bridge repayed & amended from time to time, as often as neede shall require, to whose handes the sayde collectours shall paye the sayde sommes of money tared, and by theym receyued, and that the collectours and Surueyours and euery of them, and theyr executors and administrators and the executors and administrators of them and euery of them, from time to time shall make a true declaration and accompte to the Justices of peace, of the shyre, riding, citie or towne corporate, wherin they shall be appointed collectours or Surueyours, or to foure of the same Justices, whereof one to bee of the Quorum, of the receytes, paymentes and expences of the sayde sommes of money: And if they or any of them refuse that to do, that then the same Justices of peace or foure of them, from time to time by their discretions, shall haue power and auctoritie to make processe against the sayd collectours and surueyours and euery of them, their executors & administrators and the executors and administrators of euery of them, by attachmentes vnder their seales retournable at the generall sessions of peace: And if they appere, than to compell them to accompte as is aforesaide, or els if they or any of theym, refuse that to doe, than to committe such of them as shall refuse, to warde, there to remayne without bayle or mainprise til the saide declaracion and accompte be truly made. And where anye bridge or bridges lien in one shyre or rydinge, and such personnes inhabitauntes bodys politike, landes or tenementes, which

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which owen to be charged to the making and amending of such bridges, lien and abiden in an other shyre or rydinge, or where suche bridges beene within anye citie or towne corporate, & the persons inhabitauntes bodyes politike, landes or tenements, & owen to make or repayre any such bridges, lien and ben out of the said citties & townes corporate: Bee it enacted that in euery such case, & Justices of peace of the shyre citie or towne corporate, wythin the which suche decayed bridges or any parte thereof, shall happen to be, shall haue power to enquire here and determine all suche anoyssaunces, being wythin the limittes of theyr commissions or auctorities.

And if the anoyssaunce be presented, than to make processe into euery shyre within this realme, againste suche as owen to make or amende any suche bridges so presented before them, to be decayed to the anoyssaunce and let of the passage of the kinges subiectes, and to do further in euery behalfe in euery such case, as they mought do by auctority of this acte, in case that the persons or bodyes politike, landes or tenementes, which owen to be charged to the amending or making of such bridges, or any parte thereof, were in the same shyre, riding, citie or towne corporate, where suche anoyssaunce shal happen to be. And that all sheriffes and bailiffes of liberties and franchises, shall truly serue & execute such proces, as shall come to theyr hands from the said Justices of peace, afore whom any presentmente shalbe had for any such anoyssaunce according to the tenour and effect of the sayd processe to them dyrected, without fauour affection or corruption, vpon paine to make such fine as shalbe set vppon them or any of them, by the discretio of the said Justices.

Provided alway that this acte nor any thing therein contayned be not prejudiciall to the liberties of the free portes or members of the same and for reformation of anoyssaunces of bridges within the sayde portes and members.

Be it enacted by auctoritie of this present parliament, that the warden mayres and bailiffes elected, & Jurates of the same portes and euery of them, haue power and auctority to inquire here and determine al maner of common anoyssaunces of bridges wythin the same portes and members, and to make such processe paines taracions, and al other thinges within & same portes & members, as the Justices of peace maye doe in other shyres or places oute of the same portes, by vertue and auctoritie of this presente acte in euery behalfe.

And be it further enacted by the auctority aforesaide, that the Justices of peace or iiii. of them shall haue full power & auctority to allowe such reasonable costes and charges to the said Surueyours and Collectours, as by theyr discretion shalbe thought conuenient.

For as muche that all bee it bridges decayed were amended and repayed, accordinge to the tenour of this acte, yet neuerthelesse if speedie remedie for the amendement of the wayes nexte adioynning to euery of the endes
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of such bridges shoulde not be had and made, the kynges subiectes shoulde take little or none auayle or commodity in many partes of this realme by the makynge of the bridges: In consyderacion wherof be it enacted by the kyng our soueraygne lord, and the lords spirituell and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that such part and portion of the hyghe wayes in euery part of this realme, as well wythin franchyse as wythout, as lye nerte adioyning to any endes of anye bridges wythin this realme, distaunte from any of the sayd endes, by the space of CCC. foote, be made repayred and amended as often as neede shall requyre. And that the Iustices of the peace in euery shyre of this realme, fraunchise Cittie or boroughe, or foure of them at the least, whereof one to be of the Quorum, wythin the limittes of theyr commissions and auctorities, shall haue power and auctorite to enquire here and determine in the kynges generall sessions of peace, all maner of annoyances of and in such hyghe wayes, so beyng and lyeing next adioyning to any endes of bridges wythin this realme, distant from any of the endes of such byddges CCC. foote, and to do in euery thing and thinges concerning the makinge repayringe and amendynge of such hyghe wayes and euery of them, in as large and ample maner, as they moughte and may do to and for the makinge repayringe and amending of bridges, by vertue and auctorite of this present acte.

An acte concerning tanners and butchers. Cap. vij.



Eas much as in diuers and many good townes and places wythin this realme sondry persons occupying the craftes of butchers, haue now of late for theyr singuler priuate lucre and aduauntages set vpp tanninge houses, vsyng in the same craftes of tanners, and not beyng experite in the sayd crafte, do dailye make much false vnttrue and deceyvable lether, sellinge the same in the greate disceyte of the kinges pooze subiectes. And also by meane that they do occupie as well the sayde crafte of tanners as of butchers, they doe many times bie stolen Oxen kyne steres Calues and sheepe, and the same do kill and sell in theyr butchers shoppes, conueyinge the hydes skynnes and felles of suche stolen cattell vnto theyr taune houses, causynge the same to bee tanned and transported into tanned lether, by meane whereof not onelye greate nomber of honeste persons wythin this realme being robbed of such Oxen, kyne, steres, calues and sheepe so taken, can neuer come to the knowledge of y same, neither by skynne hyde home sell or other marke, whereby diuers prouie felonys ben daily in many places of this realme, cloked committed and done to the great hurte of the kinges most louing subiectes. And also by occasion of the pmisses the true and substanciall occupation of tanninge of lether

is like in bryefe time vtterly to decaie throughe out this realme, if speedy remedie be not therein prouided. Be it therefore enacted by the kinge our so- ueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, that no person or persones occupying the craft or occupation of a butcher wyth- in this realme, shall at no time after the feast of sainte Michaell tharchan- gell next comming by himselfe nor by any other to his vse, kepe any tanne house, or occupie the craft of a tanner and butcher within any place of this realme, vppon paine of forfaiture of vi. s. viii. d. for euery day that he or any to his vse, shall occupie any tanne house, or craft of a tanner, after the saide feast, contrary to the fourme and effecte of this estatute, the one halfe of e- uery such forfaiture to be to the vse of oure soueraigne lord the kinge, and the other halfe to the vse of him that will sue for the same in any of the kin- ges courtes be it by writte bill plainte or informacion, wherein the defen- dant shall not be admitted to wage his lawe nor any protection or essone shall be to him allowed.

An acte concerning conueying and caryng of hoxses and mares, out of this realme. Cap. vii.

Where at a Parliamente holden at westminster in the xi. yere of the reigne of the late famous Prince of memozy king Henry the vii. it was auctorisid established and enacted, by auctoritie of the sayde parliamente, that from thenceforth no maner person nor per- sons should carpe or conuey any hoise oute of this lande, without the kin- ges speciall licence, vppon paine of forfaiture of the same, or anye mare a- boue the value of vi. s. viii. d. withoute the kinges speciall licence, vppon the sayde peyne of forfaiture of the same mare, the owner therof or his de- putie receyvinge for the same mare vi. s. viii. d. at the time of the seise vpon the sayde forfaiture, or els it not to be forfait. And at the time of seasyze of the saide mare or mares, they shalbe preyed by the heade officers of the towne, where any such mare is taken, and there openly to be sold to the best price, and the halfe Deale of the ouer price of her, bringe aboue vi. s. viii. d. to bee to the kinge: and the other halfe to him that so seiseth, and the kinges part therof to be deliuered to the customer of the said port. And where as it was further prouided by the said acte, that it should be lawfull to euery person or persons being Denisen, from thenceforth to carie hoise beyonde the sea, the kinges licence in that behalfe not obtayned for theyr own vles, not entending at the time of the shippinge of the same, nor than fully pur- posed to sell him, and that entente to bee known by the othe of him that should so shippe the same hoise taken before the customer or searcher of the same porte, as by the said act made in the said xi. yere amonges other eu- dently appereth. Sith the making of which acte great numbers of hoxses and

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and mares haue bene secretly and other wyse conueied out of this realme, cōtrary to the fourme and effect of the sayde statute, wherby the hoxses of this realme apt and meet for the way & for other necessary vses, be at this time muche deryer than like hoxses haue bene heretofore. And by reasone of cariage of great multitude of the good mares of this realme into the parties of beyonde the sea, the good byrede of hoxses of this realme is greatly decayed, whiche is an other cause of derthe and scarlitie of the sayde hoxses. And where also many oren, steres, kyne, calues and sheepe, bene dayly cōueyed and caried out of this realme into the parties beyonde the sea, which causeth great scarlitie of victayle, & maketh cattell and victayle to be solde within this realme at much greater prices, not onely to the great hurt of the kinges highnes in his prouisions, but also to the great hurt and impoverishment of the kynges subiectes within this realme, wherfore it is ordeined and enacted by auctoryty of this present parliament, that no maner of person or persons from hencefoorth, shall carye or conuey any hoxse geldyng, mare or colte out of this realme or wales or marches of the same, into any the parties of beyonde the sea: nor from hencefoorth cary or cōuey any oren, steres, bullockes, calues, kyne or shepe out of this realme or wales or the marches of the same, into any of the sayde parties beyonde the sea, without the kynges speciall lycence vnder his greate seale of England, vpon payne of forfayture for euery polle so conueyed contrary to this acte. *cl. s.* nor that any person or persons shall from hencefoorth byngge any suche hoxse, geldynges, mares, coltes, oren, steres, bullockes, calues, kyne, or sheepe to any haven porte or creke within this realme or wales, or the marches therof, to be caried ouer the sea out of this realme, without the kings sayd speciall lycence, vppon peyn of forfayture of euery suche hoxse, mare, oren, and other cattalles aforesayde, so broughte vnto any suche haven porte or creke to be conueyed out of this realme into the parties of beyonde the sea, as is aforesayde.

Provided alwaies that it shall be lawfull to euery the kinges subiectes which for reasonable causes shall entende to passe and repasse into and out of this realme into any the parties of beyonde the sea to haue, take & carie with them out of this realme hoxses or geldynges for theyr onely occupation commodity and ease in such their iourneyes, and not to the entent to sell the same in any the parties beyonde the sea: and that entent to be indyged by the othe of suche the sayde subiectes, that shall so dooe shyppe such hoxse or geldyng, which othe shalbe take before the customers or any theyr sufficient deputies or sercher of the same porte where it shalbe shypped before the shipping therof.

Provided also that this acte nor any thinge therein contayned be in any wyse hurtfull or prejudiciall to suche persones, as shall conuey oren, sheepe or other cattell to the sayde towne of Caleys and marches of the same for the onely victaylyng of the sayde towne and marches, so that alwaies

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euerye suche personne or persons be bounde before the customers or theyr lawfull deputies of the porte hauen or creke, where suche cattell shall bee shipped by obligation to the kynges vse, in as greate somme as the value of the cattell so to be conueyed ouer, shall amount vnto, accordyng to the discretion of the same customer, that hee shall not onely conuey the sayde cattell to the sayd towne or marches, there to be solde, or otherwise ther to be distributed and spent for the victaylinge onely of the same, but also to byngge or sende to the sayde customer a sufficient certificate, within foure monethes nexte after the date of the sayde obligation, the same certificat to be sealed and subscribed with the handes of two of the kynges counsell of the sayde towne or marches, and by the customer or his deputye of the sayde towne, that the sayde cattelles haue bene truly broughte without fraude, and deliuered to somme of the kynges officers or subiectes inhabited and abyding in the sayde towne of Caleys or marches, there to be spent for the onely victaylinge aforesayde. And after that such customer hath receyued such certificate made, sealed and subscribed in due forme (as is aforesayde) he to cancell the same obligation vppon payne of forfayture of the summe of the sayde obligation, and after to byngge or sende the same obligation so cancelled, with the certificate thereunto annexed, or elles for lacke of suche due certificat so to be made, the sayde customer to byngge or sende the said obligatiō vncancelled into the kynges eschequer at the time of makynge of his or their accompte for the yere nexte after the time limited in the sayde obligation, there to remayne vntil true knowledg be had whether the saide cattell and euery parte therof haue bene duely brought without fraud to the sayde towne or marches for victaylinge of the same, as is aforesayde, so as for lacke of suche certificat not made accordyng to the condicion of the sayde obligation, procelle may be made in the sayde eschequer for the recovery of the penaltie in the sayd obligation to the kynges vse, accordyng to reason. And if any customer, sercher or controller of any porte, hauen or creke within this realme, suffer any such cattals to be shipped in the same before suche obligation had, as is aforesayde, or if any customer fayle in bynggynge or sendinge into the kynges eschequer at hys or their accompte the sayd obligation by him to be taken with the certificate, if any be to him broughte in fourme as is abouesayde, that than euery such customer, sercher and controller, sufferynge any suche cattell to be conueyed ouer the sea contrary to this acte, shall lose and forfayte like summes, as the party so shippynge or conueyinge the same cattell shall doo by vertue of this present acte: and for defaulte of certificate of any such obligation and certificat, accordyng to the tenour and effect of this acte euery suche customer shall lose and forfayte. x. li.

And bee it further enacted, that it shall not be lawfull to any person to carry or conuey any suche cattell brought oute of this realme, to the sayde towne of Caleys or marches oute of the sayde towne and marches of the
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same, bypon payne of forfayture for every polle so brought out of the sayd towne and marches xl. s. The one halfe of which forfaytures and penalties, excepte the sommes of money conteyned in such obligacions, to be to the kinge oure soueraygne lord, and the other halfe to the party that shall seise or sue for the same by action bill plainte or information in anye of the kinges courtes: wherein the defendante shall not wage his lawe, nor any protectiō or essoyne shalbe allowed. And if any ples be pleded in any such action or sute: not triable in the realme, nor wythin any such place: where the kyngs writte doth runne: than by auctoryty of this act every such plee, if any issue be taken of the same, shalbe tryed by the verdyte of xii. men in y shyre or place, where any such action or sute shalbe commensed, any thinge to the contrary hercof not wythstanding.

Provided that it maye bee lawfull to the kinges counsellors of the saide towne and marches of Caleys, to conuey oute of this realme to the same towne and marches suche horses, geldinges, and mares for theyr owne uses, as they shal thincke expediente, not entending at the shipping of them to put them afterwarde to sale, whereby they should be conueyed oute of the kynges sayd towne and marches: and that entent to be iudged by the oth of them, that shall shippe such horses geldinges and mares to be taken before the custumer or searcher, or any theyr deputies of the same port haven or creeke, where it shall be shipped ... And that other horsemen of the saide towne and marches, that is to saye, men of armes, speares on horsebacke, archers on horsebacke and scowters, may carye and conuey oute of this realme such horses and geldinges, as any of them comming into this realme shall haue brought with them, or leauing such horses or geldinges as they shall bring into this realme, or coming hyther wythin this realme, wythoute any horse or geldinges, may liberally cary and take wyth them to the said towne of Caleys and marches other horses and geldinges of y breeding of this realme for theyr owne uses, wythin and wythout y same towne and marches, this acte or any thinge therein conteyned to the contrary not wythstanding.

Provided alwayes y this acte nor any thyng therein mencioned, bee in any wise hurtfull or prejudiciall to the mayster of the kynges horses now and hereafter to be, for such things & commodities as shall & do concerne his office, any thing in this acte to the contrary not wythstanding.

Provided also, that the wardeine of the five portes now being, or hereafter to bee, may yerely at his pleasure giue vi. horses or geldynges, and no more within one yere, at one or diuers tymes, vpon like payne as is aforesayde, to any person or persons into the parties beyonde the seas, being in amitye wyth the kinges highnes or his successours, this acte or any thinge therein not wythstanding. This acte to continue vnto the last day of the next parliament.

Provided alway that it shalbe lawfull to any the kings subiects to cary

or sende to any partyes of beyonde the sea any mares, whereof the price of any one mare so to bee caried doth not excede vi. s. viii. d. in lyke maner as they might do before the making of this acte, any thinge in this acte to the contrary hereof notwithstanding.

An acte concerning Deniseng to pay straungers customes tolles and other dueties. Cap. viij.



Rapen the commons in this present parliament assembled, that where in a parliament holden at Westmin. the vij. day of November in the fyyst yere of the reigne of our late soueraigne lord of famous memozye kinge Henry the seventh, whose soule God pardon, it was ordayned established and enacted by auctorite of the sayd parliament that euery person made, or after the makynge of the sayd act to be made Denisen, should pay of his marchaundises like custome and subsidy as he ought or shoulde pay afoze that hee were made Denisen, any letters patentes, or other ordinaunces by parliament, or otherwyse, to the contrary notwithstanding, which estatute and ordinaunce was onely made for custome & subsidy to be payd to the sayd late king, and to our now soueraygne lord. Sithen which time dyuers grauntes haue ben made, to diuers, as well marchant straungers as other aliens bozne out of this realme to be Denises, wherby they haue and enioye suche freedoms and liberties as doth Deniseng bozne wythin this realme being our sayd soueraygne lord the kinges naturall bozne subiectes, whereof there is no smal number, and euery day encrease moze and moze, by the which the sayde Aliens to theyr lucre and auayle ben encreased to great and notable substance and riches, and the naturall subiectes of our sayd soueraygne lord and his realme greatly empouerished: And after they be enriched, for the most parte conuey themselues wyth theyr said goods to theyr owne countrey, wherein they be naturall bozne, to the great detriment of the common weale of this realme of England and subiectes of the same. It maye therefore please your highnes of your most good and louing disposition, that ye beare and owe to the common wealth of this your realme by the aduise of your lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by auctoritie of the same, to ordeyne, enacte and establishe, that euery person or persons, what soeuer they be, bozne out of this realme of England oute of the kinges obeyssaunce, made or hereafter to bee made Denisen, do paye your grace and to your heyses, and to all & euery other person or persons, of what estate degree or condicion he or they be, and to all and singuler officers and ministers of citties borowghes and towne wythin this realme of Englande, & to euery of them, all such subsidies customes tolles duties and other sommes of money for theyr wares marchaundises & other whatsoeuer

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foeuer goodes by whatsoeuer name or names the sayde subsidies, customes tolles, duties & other sommes of money or any of theym be named or called, as they should or ought to haue payde before they were Deniseng, any graunte or grauntes to them made or hereafter to be made, or any act or actes estatute or ordinaunce to the contrary made or had notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alway that all and singuler officers and mynisters of euery cittie, borough or towne, wherein any such custome, tolles, duties or sommes of money shalbe demaunded, as is abovesaid, on this syde the feast of Pentecoste next comming, shall set vpp or cause to be set vp in open place & places of euery such cittie, borough or towne, a table or tables, by which the certanty and very duety of euery suche custome, tolle, and duety or somme of money of suche wares and marchaundise to bee demaunded or requyred, as is aboue rehearsed, shall and may plainly appeare and bee declared, to the intent that nothinge bee eracted otherwyle than in olde time hath bene vsed and accustomed, vppon peine of euery cittie not doinge the same to lose v. li. and euery towne corporate to lose xl. s. for euery moneth that the same table shal faile to be set vp after the same feast, the moitie of which forfayture to bee to the kinge oure soueraigne lord, and the other moity to the party that will sue for the same by writte, bill, plaint or information: in which action the defendaunte shall haue no essoyne wayer of lawe ne protection allowed.

¶ Provided alway and bee it enacted by the auctorite aforesayd, that this acte ne any other act or actes made or to bee made in this presente parliament, concerning the premisses be not in any wyle preiudiciall or hurtfull vnto the marchaunts of the house of Almayne, nor to any of them, hauing the house within the cittie of London commonly called Guild hall, Theutonicozum, otherwise called the marchauntes of St. Iuliarde in London, nor to theyr goodes or marchaundises, by whatsoeuer name or names they or any of them bee called, but that they and euery of them shall haue and enioy all such liberties, fraunchises, customes and priuiledges as they had the first day of this present parliament, any thing, or thinges specified in this acte, or in any other acte or actes made or to bee made in this presente parliament notwithstanding.

¶ Provided alwaye that the tables so be set vp in the cittie of London, touching scauage wpythin the same, shall first be viewed, examined, and approued by the Chauncellour and Treasourer of Englande, the president of the kynges counsaile, the lord priuie seale, the lord steward of the kinges most honourable householde, and the two chiefe Justices of the kinges benche and common place for the time being, or by iij. of them at the least, and by them subscribed.

An acte agaynst Poysoning. Cap. ix.



The kynges rofall maiesty callynge to his most blessed remembraunce, that the makynge of good & hollesome lawes and due execution of y^e same against the offendours thereof, is the only cause, that good obedience & order hath ben preserued in this realme: And his highnes hauing moste tender zeale to the same, among other things considering that mans life aboue all thinges is chiefly to bee fauoured, and voluntary murders moste hyghly to be detested and abhorred, and specially of all kyndes of murders poysoning, which in this realme hitherto, oure Lorde be thancked, hath ben most rare and seldome committed or practised: and now in the time of this present parliament, that is to say, in the xviij. daye of february, in the xxij. yere of hys most victorious reygne, one Rycharde Roole, late of Rochester in the countye of Kente Cooke, otherwyle called Rycharde cooke, of his most wycked and dampnable disposytion, did caste a certayne venim or poyson into a vessel replenished wth yeste or barne, standynge in the Kechinne of the reuerende father in God, John bishoppe of Rochester at hys place in Lambeth Marsh: wth which yest or barne, and other thinges conueniente, porrage or grewell was forthwth made for hys family there being, whereby not onely the number of xiiij. persons of hys sayde family, which did eate of that porrage, were mortally infected and poysoned, and one of theym, that is to saye, Benette Curwen gentleman thereof is deceased, but also certayne pooze people whych resorted to the sayde bishoppes place, and were there charitably fedde wth the remayne of the sayde porrage and other vittayles, were in lyke wyle infected, and one pooze woman of them, that is to say, Alice Tripitte wydowe is also thereof nowe deceased: Our sayde soueraygne lorde the kyng, of hys blessed disposition inwardly abhorryng al such abhominable offences, because that in maner no personne can liue in surety oute of daunger of death by that meane, if practise thereof should not be eschewed, hath ordeyned and enacted by auctozity of this presente parliamente, that the sayde poysoning be adiudged and deemed high treason. And y^e the sayd Richard Roole for y^e sayd murther & poysoning of y^e sayd ii. persons, as is aforesayd, by auctozity of this present parliament shall stande & be atteinted of hyghe treason. And because y^e detestable offence now newly practised & comitted, requyrez condigne punishment for the same, it is ordeyned and enacted by auctozity of this presente parliamente, that the sayde Richard Roole shall be therefore boyled to death, wthout hauing any aduauntage of his clergy. And that from henceforth euery wilfull murtherer of any personne or personnes, by any what soeuer personne or persons hereafter to bee committed and done, by meane or waye of poysoninge, shall bee reputed deemed

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med and iudged in the law to be high treason And that all and every person or persons, which hereafter shall be lawfully indited or appealed, and attaynted or condemned by order of the law of such treason for any manner poysonyng of any person, shall not be admitted to the benefyte of his or there clergye: but shall be immediatly after such attaynter or condemnation committed to execution of death by boylinge for the same. And that the Justices of peace, in every shire, citie, or towne corporat within this realme, where Justices of peace bene, shall have full power and auctorite in their sessions to enquire from time to time, as well of such traitours, murderers and murders, as of y counterfaytynge of coyne of any outward realme, suffered to runne and go with this realme by the kynges assente, and to make processe therupon by Capias onely. And that the Justices of Assise, in every shires of Englande, shall have full power and auctorite to here and determine in their sessions, as well such treasons committed and done by waye of poysonnyng, as the counterfaytynge of any suche coyne suffered to runne within this realme, by the kynges assente, as is aforesayde.

And furthermore it is enacted by the auctorite of this presente parliament, that all landes and tenementes and other hereditametes of any person and persons, whiche hereafter shall be condemned or atteinted of any treason for poysonyng, as is aforesayde, shall escheete remayne and be to the lordes of the fees, as by the lawes of this realme, landes, tenementes of felons or murderers atteinted, have heretofore excheated, this present acte of treason or any therein contained notwithstandinge.

¶ An acte concernyng outlandishe people callinge them selues Egyptians. Cap. x.

For as muche as before thys time diuers and manye outlandishe people callinge them selues Egyptians vsynge no crafte nor feate of marchandise, haue comen into this realme and gone from shire to shyre, and place to place in greate company, and vled greate subtil and craftye meanes to deceiue the people, bearynge them in hande, that they by Palmestrye coulde tell mennes and womens fortunes, and so many times by crafte and subtiltye haue deceyued the people of their money: And also hath committed manye and haynous felonies and robberies, to the greate hurte and decepte of the people that they haue commyn amonge.

¶ Be it therfore by the kyng our soueraigne lord, the lordes spirituall and tempozal, and the commons in this present parliament assembled, and by the auctorite of the same ordeyned, established and enacted, that from hencefoorth no suche persons bee suffered to come within thys the kynges realme

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realme. And if they do, than they and euery of them so doyng shall forsaye to the kyng our soueraigne lord all their goodes and cattalles and than to be commaunded to auoyde the realme within. xvj. dayes nexte after the commaundement, vpon payne of imprisonment. And it shall be lawfull to euery shiriffe, Iustice of peace and Eschetour, to seise to the vse of our soueraigne lord, his heires and successours, all suche goodes, as they or any of them shall haue: And therof to make accompte to our sayde soueraigne lord in his Eschequer. And if it shall happen any suche straüger hereafter to commit within this realme any murder, robbery, or anye other felonye, and therof be indicted and arrayned, and to pleade not guilty or any other plee triable by the countrey: that then the enquest that shall passe betwene the kyng and any such partye, shall be all together of englishmen, all bee it that the partye so indicted praye medietatem lingue, accordynge to the statute of Anno. viij. Henrici. vj. or of any other statute therof made.

Provided alway, that the Egyptians nowe beinge in thys realme, haue monition to departe within. xvj. daies after proclamation of this estatute amonge them shall be made, vpon peine of imprisonment and forsaiture of theyr goodes and cattelles. And if they than so departe, that than they shall not forsaite theyr goodes nor any parte thereof, this presente estatute notwithstandinge.

Provided alwaye that euery such person or persons, whiche can proue by twoo credible persons before the same partye that seyleth suche money, goodes, or cattelles of the same Egyptians, that anye parte of the same goodes, money or cattalles, were craftely or feloniously taken or stolen from him, shall be incontinente restored vnto the same goodes, money, or cattels, wherof he maketh such proufe before the same party, that so seileth the same money, goodes, or cattelles, vpon peine to forsaite to the same partye that maketh suche proufe, the double value of the same by action of Dette, bill, or otherwyle in anye of the kynges courtes to be sued: vppon whiche action and suite he shall not be admitted to wage his lawe, nor any protection or essoyne to be allowed, any thynge in this act to the contrary notwithstandinge.

Provided alway, and be it further enacted, that if any Iustice of peace Sheriffe or Eschetour, which by auctoryty of this act haue power to take or seale any goodes or cattelles of any Egyptians at any time hereafter do seale or take the goodes or cattels of any suche Egyptians: that then euery suche Iustice, Sheriffe or Eschetour doyng the same, shall haue. keepe and reteine to his owne vse the moytpe of all suche goodes so by him sealed and of the other moytpe so by him taken or sealed shall make aunswere and accompte to the kinge in his Eschequer, accordynge to the tenour of this present act: any thynge in the same acte conteyned to the contrary heareof notwithstandinge. And that vpon any accompte hereafter to be made for the sayde other moytpe of the same goodes, the accomptante shall paye no
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maner of fees or other charges for his accompte or discharge to be had in the kinges eschequer, nor els where.

An acte concerning Bowdike in Marshlande. Cap. xi.



Heretofore this time diuers euill disposed persons of theyr peruerfed and euill disposition, maliciouslye at diuers and sondry times, haue cut caste downe and broken bype diuers parties of the dike called the newe Bowdike in Marshlande, in the countye of Northfolke. And the broken dike o-ther wyse called Wydefelde dike by Marsheland in the Ile of Ely, in the countye of Cambridge: by reason wherof as well by the great aboundance of the salte water, as also by the course of the fresh water. entryng and comminge into and by the sayde parties of the sayde ditches so broken and cast downe, the grounde and pastures within the countrey of Marshlande in the countyes aforesayd, hath bene diuers and many times drowned & surrounded with the waters aforesaide, so that no profit there- of might be taken by the owners and occupiers of the sayde grounde and pastures within Marshland aforesaide. For the drowning whereof the laide owners and occupiers of the laide grounde, and the inhabitauntes within the sayd Marshelande and the leuell of the same, at many and son- drie times haue bene not onelye put to importunate charges and expences to theyr extreme damages and costes, but also to theyr greate vndoinge, haue loste muche of theyr cattell and bestes than beinge and pasturynge vpon and within Marshelande aforesayd, to theyr great damage and losse and to the great decay of the common weale of the countreys adioyninge to the same. And also by reason of the same waters muche people haue ben drowned in theyr beddes within theyr houses, and haue lost the most parte of theyr goods being within the same.

For the reformation whereof be it ordeyned enacted and established by the kinge our soueraigne lord, by the assente of the lordes spirituall and tem- porall, and the commons in this presente parliament assembled and by the auctoritie of the same, that euery suche peruerse and malicious cuttinge downe and breaking by of any part or parties of the said dikes, or of anye other bancke, beinge parcell of the rinde and vttermoste parte of the laide countrie of Marshelande aforesayd made for the defence and saluation of the same countrie of Marshlande, at euerye time and times from hence- forth by any person or persons committed & done, other wyse than in wor- kinge vpon the laide bankes or dikes for the repayringe fortifyinge and mendinge of the same: bee taken, reputed, and adiudged felony. And that the offenders and doers of the same and euery of theim bee adiudged and reputed felons. And that the Justices of the peace of the sayd countyes of Northfolke and Cambridge, within the said Ile, at euery of their sessions
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with the same Isle and countie to bee kepte, by the auctorite aforesayde. haue ful power to cause enquire to be made of euery such offence so at any time in fourtine aforesayde, hereafter to be committed and done & to a warde like proces against euery of the said offendours, with like iudgement and execution of the same (if they or any of them be thereof founde guilty by verdict or otherwise) as the sayd Justice hath vsed and accustomed to do vpon other felonies being felony at the common law.

An acte concerninge how aged, poore and impotent personnes compelled to liue by almes, shall be ordered: and howe vacaboundes & myghtye stronge beggers shalbe punished. Cap. xii.



Where in al places through out this realme of England, vacaboundes and beggers haue of long time encreased and daily do encrease in greate & excessive numbers by the occasion of idlenes, mother and roote of all vices, wherby hath insurged and sprung, and daily insurgeth and springeth continuall thestes, murders, and other sondrie heynous offences and greate enormities, to the highe displeasure of God, the inquietacio and damage of the kings people, and to maruaylous disturbaunce of the common weale of this realme: & where as many and sondrye good lawes streite statutes and ordinances haue ben before this time deuised and made, as well by the king our soueraigne lorde, as also by diuers his moste noble progenitours kings of Englande for the moste necessarye and due reformation of the premisses: Yet that notwithstandinge the sayde numbers of vacaboundes and beggers be not scene in any partie to be minished, but rather daily augmented and encreased in greate routes and companyes, as euidentlye and manifestly it doth and may appere. Be it therfore enacted by the king our soueraigne lorde, and by the lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, and by auctorite of the same, that the Justices of the peace of al and singular the shires of Englande within the limittes of theyr commissions, and all other Justices of peace Mayres Sheriffes, Bayliffes, and other officers of. all and euery cittie, boroughe, rydinge or fraunches wythin the realme of Englande, wythin the limittes of their anuthoritie, shall from time to time as often as neede shall requyre by theyr discretions, deuide themselves wythin y sayd shires, cities, boroughes, rydinges or frauncheses, whereof they bee Justices of peace, Mayres, Sheriffes, Bailiffes, or officers, & so beinge deuided shall make diligent search and inquerie of all aged, poore, and impotent personnes, which liue or of necessitie bee compelled to liue by almes of the charitie of the people, that bee or shall bee hereafter abydinge wythin euery hundred, rape, wapentake, citie, boroughe, parishe, libertye or fraunches wythin the limits

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limites of their deuision, and after and vppon such serch made, the sayde Iustices of peace Mayres Sheriffes bailiffes and other officers, that is to saye, euery of them within the limites of their auctorities wherunto they be deuided, shall haue power and auctoryty by their discreciōs to enable to begge within such hundrede rape wapentake citce to wne parische oz other limites as they shall appoynte, such of the sayd impotente persones, which they shall fynd and thinke moſte conuenient within the limites of their diuision, to liue of the charity and almes of the people, and to giue in commaundement to euery such aged and impotent begger (by them enabled) that none of them shall begge without the limites to them so appoynted, and shall also register a wyte the names of euery such impotent begger, by theym appoynted, in a byll oz roll indented, the one parte thereof to remaine with them self, and the other parte by them to be certyfyed before y^e Iustices of peace at the nexte sessions after suche serche had, to be holden within the sayd shires, cities, towne, oz fraunchises, there to remaine vnder the keepyng of Custos Rotulorum. And that y^e sayde Iustices of peace Mayres Sheriffes bayliffes and other officers, that is to say, as they bee deuided, shall haue power and auctoryty to make such and so many seales to be engraued with the names of the hundreds rapes wapentakes cities boroughes towne, oz places, within the which they shall appointe and limite euery such impotente person to begge, and committe the sayd seales to the custody of such of them, oz to the custody of such other, as they shall thinke, conueniente and shall make and delyuer to euery suche impotente person, by them enabled to begge, a letter contayning the name of such impotente person, and witnessinge that he is auctorysed to begge, and the limites, within which he is appointed to begge. The same letter to be sealed with such of the sayde seales, as shall be engraued with the names of the limite, where in such impotent person shalbe appoynted to begge in and to be subscribed with the name of one of the sayde iustices oz officers, aboue sayd. And yf any such impotente person so auctorysed to begge do begge in any other place then within such limites, that he shalbe assigned vnto, that then the Iustices of peace mayres, Sheriffes, bailiffes, constables, and all other the kinges officers and ministers, shall by their discreciōs punishe all such persons by imprysonement in the stocks by the space of .ii. dayes and .ii. nightes, geuing them but onely breade and water, and after that cause euery such impotent person to be swozne to retorne againe, without delaye to the hundrede rape wapentake city borough towne parisch oz franchises, where they be auctorysed to begge in.

And it is enacted that no such impotente person, as is aboue sayd, after the feast of the natiuitie of saynt John Baptiste next commynge: shall begge within any part of this realme, except he be auctorysed by wytyng vnder seale as is aboue sayd. And yf any such impotente person after the sayd feast of saynt John, be vagarant and go a begging, hauinge no such

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letter vnder seale, as is aboue specified: that then the Constables and all other inhabitantes, within such towne or parishe, where suche personne shall begge, shall cause euery suche begger to be taken and brought to the nexte Justice of peace, or highe constable, of the hundred: And therupon the sayd Justice of peace, or hyghe constable, shall commaunde the sayde constables and other inhabitantes of the towne or parishe, whiche shall brynge before hym any such begger that they shall strippe hym naked from the middle vpwarde, and cause hym to be whipped within þe towne where he was taken, or within some other towne where þe same Justice or highe constable shall apoynte: if it shall seme to the discretion of the sayd Justice of peace or high constable, that yt be conuenient so to punish such begger to hym brought: And if not, then to commaunde suche begger to be set in the stocks in the same towne or parishe, where he was taken, by the space of thre dayes and thre nyghtes, there to haue onely breade and water, & ther- vppon the sayd Justice or highe constable, afore whom such begger shall be brought shall limite to hym a place to begge in and geue to hym a letter vnder seale in forme aboue remembred, and sweare hym to depart & repaire thither immediately after his punishment to him executed.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that if any persō or personnes beyng hole and myghty in body, and able to labour, at any tyme after the sayd feast of saynt John be taken in begginge in any parte of this realme: or if any man or woman beyng hole and myghty in bodie, and able to labour, hauinge no lande, mayster, nor vsing any lawfull merchandise crafte or mistoye, whereby he myghte gett his liuyng, after the same feast be vagrant, and can geue no reknyng howe he doth lawfully get his lyuyng, that then it shalbe lefull to the constables and all other þe kynges officers ministers and subiectes of euery towne parssh and hamlette to areste the sayde vacaboundes and idle persons, and them brynge to any of the Justices of peace of the same shyre or libertye or elles to the highe constable of the hundrede rape or wapenrake within whiche suche personnes shall be taken. And if he be taken within any citie or towne corporate: thanne to be brought before the mayre, sheriffes, or baylyffes of euery suche towne corporate. And that euery suche Justice of peace, highe Constable, Mayres, Sheriffes and baylyffes, by theyr discretions, shall cause euery suche idell persone so to hym broughte to bee hadde to the next market towen or other place, where the sayde Justices of peace highe constable, Mayres, baylyffes and other officers, shall thinke most conueniente by his or their discretions, and there to be tied to the ende of a cartte naked and be beaten with whippes throughe out þe same market to wne or other place till his body be bloody by reason of suche whippynge. And after such punishmente and whippynge hadde, the personne so punished by the discretion of the Justice of peace, highe Constable, Mayre, Sheryffes, Baylyffes and other officers, afore whome suche personne shall be broughte, shall

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shall be enlorped vppon his sthe, to retourne forthwylh wythoute delaye in the next and streighte way to the place where hee was borne, or where hee laste dwelled before the same punishmente by the space of thre yeaers, and there to put himselfe to labour like as a true man oughte to doe.

And after that done, euerye such person so punished and ordered shall haue a letter sealed wyth the seale of the hundred rape wapentake, cittie, borough, towne, libertie or franchise, wherein hee shall be punished, testifying that he hath bene punished accordinge to this estatute, and conteyninge the daye and place of his punishmente, and the place whereunto hee is limited to go: and by what tyme hee is limited to come thither, wythin which tyme hee may lawfully begge by the way: the wyng the same letter, and otherwylse not. And if he do not accomplishe the order to him appointed by the sayde letter, than to bee estloned taken and whipped, and so as often as any default shall be founde in him contrary to the order of this estatute, in euery place to be taken and whipped, till hee be repayed where he was borne, or where he last dwelled by the space of thre yeaers, and there put his body to labour for his lyuing, or otherwylse truly gette his lyuinge wythout beggynge, as longe as he is able so to do. And if the person so whipped bee an idle person and no common begger, than after such whippinge he shall be kepte in the stocks till hee hath found surety to go to seruice, or els to labour, after the discretion of the said Justice of peace, Mayres, Shetiffes, bayliffes, highe constables, or other such officers, afore whom any such idle person, being no common begger, shall be broughte, if by the discretion of the same Justice of peace Mayre Shetiffe bayle highe constable or other such heade officer it bee so thoughte conueniente, and that the partie so punished bee able to finde surety, or els to be ordered and sworn to repaye to the place where hee was borne, or where hee laste dwelled by the space of thre yeaers, and to haue lyke letter and such further punishmente if he estloned offende this estatute, as is aboue appointed to and for the common stronge and able beggers, and so from tyme to tyme to be ordered and punished till hee put his body to labour, or otherwylse gette his lyuing truly according to the law. And that the Justices of the peace of euery shire cytye cittie towne and libertie shall haue power and authority wythin the limittes of thei: countie, to enquire of all Mayres, bayliffes, constables and other officers and persons that shalbe negligent in executing of this acte.

And if the constables and inhabitants wythin any towne or parische where anye suche impotent person or stronge begger doth happen to begge contrary to the fourme of this estatute, be negligent, and take not euery such impotent and stronge begger, that so shall begge agayne the fourme of this estatute, and order and punish euerye suche begger, as is aboue limited: that than the towne or parische, wheree suche defaulte shall bee, shall lose and forsaite for euerye such impotent begger, that shall be suffered

to begge within the sayd towneſhip or pariſhe, not beinge taken ordered & puniſhed, according to the fourme of this eſtate iii. s. iiii. d. and for every ſtronge begger, that ſhall happen to begge wythin any ſuch towneſhippe or pariſhe, not beinge taken and ordered as is aboue limited by this eſtate vi. s. viii. d. The one halfe of all which forſaytures to be to the kinge our ſoueraigne lord, and the other halfe to him that wyll ſue for the ſame by any bill of information afore the kynges Juſtices of his peace in theyr generall ſeſſions, to be holden in the ſhyre or wythin any liberty, wher ſuch default ſhall happen.

And that all Juſtices of peace wythin any ſhyre citte borough or liberty, ſhall have full power and auctority, as well to heare and determine every ſuch default by preſentmente as by ſuch bill of information, and vpon every preſentmente afore them, and vpon every ſuch bill of information to make proceſſe by diſtreſſe agayne the inhabitauntes of every ſuche towne and paryiſh, where any default ſhalbe preſented or ſuppoſed by any ſuch information. By auctority of which diſtreſſe the ſheriffe or other officer, to whom by the lawe ſuche diſtreſſe ſhall be made, ſhall diſtreyne the goods and cattelles of ſuch one or two of the ſayde inhabitauntes, as hee may have knowledge were moſt negligent and in default in the execution of this acte, and the ſayd diſtreſſe retayne till they finde ſurety to appeare at the ſeſſions limited in the ſayd diſtreſſe. And in caſe they appeare and confeſſe the default, or els if they traueſe the preſentmente, and it be tryed agaynſt them by verдите, or denie the information, & it be proved agaynſte them by ſufficient witneſſe: than the ſayde Juſtices of peace in theyr ſeſſions ſhall have auctority to aſſeſſe the fynes as beene aboue limited after the rates abouelayde, and to make proceſſe for the leuyeng of the ſame by diſtreſſe of the inhabitauntes of ſuch townes or pariſhes, where ſuche default ſhalbe tryed or proved. And that every ſuch fine if it growe by preſentmente, to be onely to the kinges uſe. And if it growe by information: then the moitie thereof to be to him that purſueth the information for the ſame, and the other moitie thereof to the kynges uſe, as is aforeſayde. And if any ſuch perſon or perſons diſtreyned appeare not at the daye and place conteyned in ſuch diſtreſſe, then vpon the retourn of the ſheriffe or other officer, to whom the diſtreſſe was deliuered to execute that ſuch perſon or perſons were diſtreyned: then every ſuch perſon or perſonnes ſo diſtreyned at the firſte diſtreſſe ſhall looſe xl. d. and at the ſeconde vi. s. viii. d. and ſo to be doubled vpon every diſtreſſe in ſuch caſes as be awarded, till apparance may be had by one of the inhabitauntes of ſuch towne or pariſhe to denie traueſers or confeſſe the preſentmente or information exhibited agaynſt any ſuch towne or pariſh: to the intent that vpon tryall or prooſe thereof the fines aboue limited may be aſſeſſed and leuyed of the inhabitauntes of every ſuch towne or pariſh as is aboue rehearſed.

And bee it enacted by the auctority aforeſayde, that ſcholers of the Universities

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nersities of oxforde and Cambyrdg, that go aboute begginge, not beinge auctorized vnder the seale of the sayde vniuersities by the commissarie Chauncellour or byrechauncellour of y^e same, and all and singular shippme pretendynge losses of theyr shippes, and goodes of the sea, goinge aboute the countreie begginge withoute sufficiente auctorite, witnessynge the same: shall be punyshed and ordered in maner and fourme as is aboute rehearsed of stronge beggers. And that all proctours and pardoners goinge aboute in any countrey or countreys, without sufficient auctorite, and all other ydell persons goynge aboute in anye countrey, or abydrnge in anye cite, borough or towne, some of them vsinge dyuers and subtil craftye and vnlawefull games and playes, and some of them sayninge them selves to haue knowledg in phisicke, phisnamy, palmestrye or other crafty sciences, whereby they beare the people in hande, that they can tell theyr destenies, decesses and fortunes, and suche other lyke phantasticall imaginacions, to the greate disceyte of the kynges subiectes, shall vpon examinacion had before two Justices of peace, whereof the one shall be of the Quorum, yf he by prouable witnesse be founde guilty of any such deceptes, be punyshed by whyppanyge at two dayes together after the maner before rehearsed. And if he esteemes offende in the sayde offence or any lyke offence: then to bee scourged .iiij. dayes, and the thyrde daye to be put vpon the pillorye from ix. of the clocke till a.xi. before noone of the same daye, and to haue one of his eares cutte of: And yf he offende the thyrde tyme: to haue lyke punyshment with whippynge, standinge on the pillorye, and to haue his other eare cut of. And that Justices of the peace haue lyke auctorite in euery libertye and franchise within their shires, where they be Justices of peace, for the execution of this acte in euery parte thereof, as they shall haue without the libertye or franchise.

And it is further enacted, that this acte shall yerely be redde in the open sessions, to the intent that the sayde estatute shall be the more seared and y^e better put in execution.

And further more be it enacted, that if any personne or personnes at any tyme hereafter geue any hetborowe money or lodgynge to any beggers, beinge stronge and able in theyr bodres to worke, whiche order theym selues contrary to the fourme of this estatute: that euery suche person so doyng, beinge sufficiently proued or presented afore any Justice of peace, shall make suche fyne to the kyng, as by the discretion of the sayde Justices of peace at theyr generall sessions shall be assessed. And if any person or persons doo disturbe or lette the execution of this acte in any maner wyse, or make rescours agayne any Mayre, Sheriffe, baylyffe, or other person that shall endeuour him selfe for the due execution thereof: it is thus enacted, that euery suche person or persons, for euery suche offence doyng, shall lose and forfait. C. s. and ouer that to haue imprisonment at the kynges will. The one halfe of which forfaiture if such offence be committed in any cite or towne

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corporate to be to the mayre, sheryffe, bayliffe or other head officers of such citie or towne corporate, where any suche offence shall be done, to the vse of the comminaltie of euery suche citie or towne corporate. And if it be committed out of a citie or towne corporate, then the sayde one halfe to be to y^e lord of the leete or lawedaye, where suche offence shall be doone, and the other halfe of euery such forfaiture to be to the kynge our soueraigne lord. For the whiche forfaiture of .v.li. re couery shall be had by action of Dette byll, playnte or information in any of the kynges courtes: in which sute the defendantes shall not wage their lawe, nor haue any esoyne or protection allowed.

Provided alway that this acte nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall be hurtfull or prejudiciall to the barons or other inhabitauntes of the fyue portes or their members: neither to any graunt libertie or fraunchise heretofore made by the kynge our soueraigne lord, or any his progenytours kynges of Englande, to the sayd barons or other inhabytantes theyr auncestours, predecessours or to any of them. And that it be enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that all and euery Mayre and Mayres, Bayly and Bayliffes, electe and elected by the commons and inhabitauntes of euery towne and place of the saide portes and membres, and also iurates of euery of the saide townes and places of the said portes and membres shall haue lyke auctorite within euery such towne and place, where they or any of the be or shalbe Mayre, Bayliffe or iurate, to put or cause to be put this acte in due execution, as the Iustices of peace in any county of this realme, haue or shall haue auctorite and power by this acte to doe, where they be Iustices. And that the inhabitauntes within euery towne within the sayde portes, shall be bounden to the execution of this acte, lyke as other inhabitauntes be without the sayde portes, vpon like peine as is aboue remembred. And if any person or persons which shal inhabite within the sayde .v. portes or membres, be impotente or other ydell person, dooe hereafter begge withoute the sayde fyue portes or membres of the same, contrary to this acte, that than euery suche person shall be ordered and punished accordeinge to this acte, any thinge in this Proviso to the contrary notwithstandinge.

And it is ordeyned and enacted, that the scales aboue reherfed, shall be made at the costes and charges of the Iustices of peace, Mayres, shryffes bailiffes and other officers aboue writte, on this syde the feast of the Natiuity of sayncte John Baptist nexte commynge, that is to saie, that euery of them, shall do the sayde scales to be made within the limites of theyr diuision iurisdiction and auctorities.

And it is also ordeyned and enacted, that euery letter to be made by the auctorite of this acte, wherby any impotent begger shalbe auctorysed and assigned to begge, shalbe made in this fourme ensuyng.

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cions is licenced to begge within the hundrede of D.K. and L. in the sayd county. Geuen vnder the seale of that limitte, Tali die et Anno.

And that euery suche letter that shalbe made and deliuered to such begger or vacabond, after he hath bene whipped by auctorite of this acte, shall be made in this wise folowinge.

Kente. M. C. J. S. whipped for a vagrante stronge begger at Dale in the sayd county, according to the lawe, the .xxij. day of July, in the .xxiiij. yere of kyng Henry the viij. was assigned to passe forthwith and directly from thence to Sale in the countye of Midd. where he saith he was borne, or where he last dwelled by the time of .iiij. yeres. And he is limited to be therewithin .xiiij. dayes nexte ensuyng at hys perell, or within suche nombre of dayes, as to him shall be limited by the discretion of the maker of the sayde letter. In witnesse wherof the seale of the limitte of the sayde place of his punishment hereunto is set.

And it is enacted that euery suche letter shall be made at the equall costes of suche the sayde Justices, Mayres, Shyriffes, Bayliffes or other officers within whose iurisdiction powers and auctorities the sayde begger or vacabonde shalbe whipped or limited to begge in, by auctorite of this acte. And euery such letter shall be subscribed with the hande of one of the sayde Justices, Mayres, Sheriffes, bailiffes, or other officers in thys fourme folowynge. Per me A. B. vnum Justiciarium pacis, or maiorem ciuitatis, or ballium ville, or constabularium talis hūdrēdi, or els in lyke fourme in englishe.

And it is further enacted, that euery suche person and persons as haue the custodie of any Gayles within any shire, city, borough or towne corporate, on this side the feast of saint John the Baptist, shall do make a seale engrauid with the name of the castell, prison or gayle, whiche hee keepeth.

And in case any person or persons, that at any time after the sayd feast of saint John, shall be deliuered out of any Gayle or prison for suspicious of felony by proclamation, or acquitte of any felonye, and hath no freendes to pay his fees, nor was borne within the hundred or place where he shall happen to be so deliuered nor can get hym no maister, there to abide and worke with, shall haue libertie to begge for his fees, by the licence of hys keeper, by the space of .viij. weekes nexte after suche deliuerance, and after that to be compelled to go to the hundred, wher he was borne or last dwelled, by the space of thre yeres, within suche time as shalbe limited by one of the Justices of peace Mayres, Sheriffes, bailiffes or any officers, where such deliuerance shalbe had.

And it is enacted, that euery suche person so deliuered, shall haue a letter made to him by the clerke of the peace of the shyre, within the whiche he was deliuered, if he be deliuered in the shyre: and if hee be deliuered in any citie, borough or towne corporate, than he to haue a letter of the common clerke of euery suche citie, borough or towne, where he is deliuered.

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every suche letter witnesynge the daye of his deliuerance, and the place where he was deliuered, and afoze whom, and the time appoynted to him to begge for his fees, and the place to the whiche he shall bee assigned to repayre vnto, in case he can get no maister to fall to worke where he was deliuered. And to every suche letter the sayd Baylour or keeper of prison, oute of the whiche suche person shall be deliuered: shall put the seale limited to be made as is aforesayde for the sayde prison. And that every suche letter shall be made in this wise folowinge.

Essex. II. C The .xx. day of July, Anno regni regis Henrici. viii. rriiij. J. S. was deliuered for felony out of the gayle of D. in the sayde countre, at the sessyons holden afoze. A. B. and hys felowes at Sale, the day & yeaere aforesayde and is allowed to begge for his fees by the space of .vi. weekes. And in case he can get him no maister to worke within the sayd terme, thā he is assigned to passe directly to D. in the county of kente, where he saith he was bozne, or laste dwelled by the space of thre yeaeres. And he is allowed .xiiij. dayes nexte after the sayde .vi. weekes for hys passage thither, or suche numbre of dayes, as to him shall be lymitted by the dyscretion of the maker of the sayde letter. In witnesse wherof the seale of the prison, from the whiche he was deliuered, therunto is sette. And in suche shyres, where there is no Bayle, the sheriffe thereof, for the time beyng, shall cause a seale to bee engraued with the name of y^e shyre, and shall order and vse the same seale to and for suche persons deliuered as is aforesayde. after like manner and fourme as the Bayler or keeper of the gayle is limited and appoynted to do by this acte.

And it is also enacted, that every clerke of the peace of the shire, within the whiche suche person shall be deliuered, and every common clerke of every city, borough or towne corporate, within the whiche any such person shall be deliuered, shall make for every suche person as shall be so deliuered, where they be suche officers, the sayde letter informe abouesayde, without any fee takinge for the same, and shall deliuer every suche letter to the Baylour or keeper of the prison, from the whiche suche person shall be deliuered. And if there be no Bayle there, then to the shyryffe of the shyre where such deliuerance shall be had, within one daye nexte after the ende of the sessions, where any suche deliuerance is had, vppon payne to lose and forfait for defaulte of euery letter .xij. d. to the kynge our soueraygne lord. And that the baylour or keeper of the prison, from the which the sayd person shall be so deliuered, and in case there be no Bayle, than the shyryffe of the shyre where any suche deliuerance shall be had, shall not suffre any suche person to go abrode to begge for his fees, nor departe out of prison, excepte it be to seruite or labour, vnlesse the same baylour or shyryffe first deliuer to the sayd person the sayd letter, containynge his name sealed with the seale of the prison, from the whiche he shall be deliuered, or elles with the seale engraued with the name of the shire, yf there be no prison, vpon payne for
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every default to lose xii. d. to our sayd soueraygne lord.

And it is enacted, that if any person or persons so beinge deliuered oute of prison at any time after the sayde feast do begge, not hauinge the sayde letter sealed in fourme abovesayde, or begge contrary to the tenour of the same letter: that then hee shalbe taken ordered and whipped in euery behalfe, like as is aboue appointed for strong beggers. And that to be done & executed by such as bee aboue limited to do the same vppon stronge beggers and in suche wyse and vpon such payne as is afoze limited for execution of the punishment of strong beggers.

Provided alway that it be lawfull to every person & persons being bounden by reason of any foundacio or ordinaunce to giue or distribute any money in almes, & also to every person & persons at common doles bled at burials or obites: to giue & dispose in almes any money to every person & persons comyng to such almes or doles, after like maner & fourme as they haue bene accustomed to do in that behalfe afoze the makinge of this acte, wythout any daunger or penaltie of this estatute any thing contayned in this present estatute to the contrary hereof not wythstanding.

Provided also that it be lawfull to all maysters & gouernours of hospitals to lodge and herborough any personne or persons of charity or almes accordyng to the foundacion of such hospitals, and to giue money in almes in as large maner and fourme as they are bounden or owen to doe, any thing in this estatute to the contrary hereof not wythstanding. And this acte to endure vnto the last day of the next parliament.

An acte concerning that no person or persons straungers, being a common baker, brewer, surgeon, or scriuener, shall be expounded hand craftes men. Cap. xiiij.

Where diuers estatutes penall heretofore haue bene made against straungers artificers for exercising of handy craftes wythin this realme, and for keepyng of houses, apprentices and seruantes straungers, as by the sayd seuerall estatutes more playnly is rehearsed. Sithen the makyng whereof, betwixt brewers and bakers, which ben common vittellers, and also surgeons and scriueners beyng straungers, inhabited and dwellinge wythin this realme, haue bene put to trouble and greate vexacion by occasion of informations brought agaynst them vppon the said estatutes, supposyng that straungers vsyng bakinge, brewing; Surgerie or wyptyng shoulde bee hande craftes men: vppon the which information greate doubtes and ambiguities haue ryisen, whether straungers vsyng any of the sayde misteryes or sciences shoulde bee vnderstande such hande craftes men as were entended by any the sayd estatutes. For plaine declaration whereof it is enacted by the kinge oure soueraigne lord, and the lordes

lordes spiritual and temporal and the commons in this presente parliamente assembled, & by auctorite of the same, that no person or persons strangers beyng a common baker, byuer, surgeon or scriuener shalbe enterpryte or expounded hand craftes men, in for or by reason of using any of the sayd misteries or sciences of baking, byuing, surgery or wytyng. And that all informacions, suites, actions and proces had taken or hereafter to betaken bypon any of the sayd estatutes against any such straunger or strangers, being bakers, byuers, surgeons or scriueners shall bee by auctorite of this present acte voyde and of none effecte.

An acte concerning how persons committing petie treason murder or felony shall abiure. Cap. xliii.



The kynge our soueraigne lord considerynge that many of his subiectes heretofore for theyr offences and merites haue been put to execution of death by the lawes of this realme: and manye other committinge lyke offences for tution of theyr lyues, haue fledde and resorted to Churches and other halowed places wpythin this realme, and there beyng haue abiured the realme before the kinges Coroners of the same: Dyuers of which men (so abiurynge) haue been knowen to be very experte mynners, and many other haue been seen to be very able and apte men for the warres and defence of this realme, so that by the one meane and the other the strength and power of this realme is greatly mynished. And dyuers of the sayd personnes, which heretofore haue abiured this realme, beyng by reason of theyr abiuracions in outwarde realmes and countreys, haue not onely procured manye men of the same to the exercise and practyse of archerie, and haue instructed theym in the seate and knowledge thereof, to the great encrease and fortifications of the same outwarde realmes and countreys: but also the same abiured persons haue disclosed theyr knowledges of the commodities and secretes of this realme, to no little damage and prejudice of the same. The kinges highnes therefore daily studyenge and deuysynge to provide for the sauegarde of this his realme and of his subiectes: Albeit they be transgressours of his lawes, so that the inconveniencies ensuyng bypon suche abiuracions to bee preserved to the best effecte as farr as shall please God to geve theyn grace, hath ordeyned and enacted by auctorite of this presente parliamente, that if any person hereafter flee or resorte to anye parische Church Comytowe or other lyke halowed place for tution of his lyfe, by occasion of any murder, robbery, or other felony by the same person committed, and thereupon committe any murder, felony or other offence before the coroner, wherfor by the same person by the lawes of this realme heretofore used should abiure and passe out of the same. The same person thereupon shall abiure from all his libertye

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berthe of this realme, and from his lyberall and free habitacions resortes and passages to and fro the vniuersall places of this realme, whiche appertayne to the liberty of the kinges subiectes vndefamed, and shall forthwith be directed by the coroner, takynge and receyvyng suche abiuration, to any one sanctuary beynge within this realme, whiche the same person will electe and chose, there to remayne as a sanctuary person abiured. Duryng his naturall life, and to be swoyne afoze the coroner vpon his abiuration so to do, and to be burned in the hand accordyng to the statute in that case prouided. And euery person so abiured shall be directed and conueyed to the same sanctuary by him chosen, by the constables and other officers and in euery behalfe ordred after like maner and fourme as he should haue bene in case he shoulde haue abiured this realme for any murder or felony after the lawes of the lande. And if after such abiuration any person so abiured come out of the same sanctuary, to the whiche he was assigned and be taken without the same sanctuary not hauynge the kinges speciall pardon or licence so to do: than euery suche person abiured, and after abiuration taken without sanctuary wherunto he was assigned, shall suffer such like payne of death, and after like maner be ordered, as he should haue done and bene, in case he had abiured this realme for murder or felony, and after suche abiuration had returned agayne into this realme contrarie to the lawes of this lande.

And furthermore it is enacted, that if any such sanctuary person so abiured, or any other person or persons, whiche now be or is or hereafter shall happen to be in any sanctuary of this realme, for doyng any pety treason murder or felony, or for beynge accessory to any such offences: or if any person or persons, which at any time hereafter shall take any sanctuary of this realme, for doyng any pety treason, murder or felony, or for beynge accessory to any such offences, or vpon abiuration, and so beynge in sanctuary for or vpon any suche cause, matter or offence, afterward commit or doo any pety treason, murder or felony within the same sanctuary, or be accessory to any such offences, or go out of the same sanctuary & committe any pety treason murder or felony, or be accessory to any such offences, and after come agayne to the same sanctuary, or take any other sanctuary for the same, euery suche person and personnes beynge indited for any of the sayde causes or offences, shal lose the pryncedgedge of the same sanctuary by him taken, & of euery other sanctuary within this realme for any such cause of pety treason, murder, felony or abiuration, and for any accessory to any suche offences. And that it shalbe lawfull to all & singuler Justices of peace, and the highe Sheriffe of the countye or other place, where the sanctuarye is, and to all and singuler Mayres, Shyppes and bayliffes of cities and townes corporate, where such sanctuary is, and to euery of them, and to the seruantes, ministers and officers, or any or euery of the same Justices of peace, Sheriffes, Mayres and bayliffes in theyr presence to take out of the

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same sanctuary or sanctuaries, all and every suche sanctuary persō or persons so offendynge as is aforesayde, and beynge endited of the same, and to committe or put him or them into the kynges Gaole within the shire or libertye, where any suche inditement is founde agaynst any suche person, safely to be kepte till they shalbe of the same pety treason, murder or felony or of the accessory to any such offences, wherof they shall happē to be endited, cōvicted, atteinted or discharged by the law. And if any person or persons, which shalbe indited of any pety treason, murder, or felony, or of any accessory to any such offence, happē hereafter to be taken out of any sanctuary for the same by auctorite of this estatute, & upon his or their arraignment plede sanctuary, accordinge to y^e orde of the lawe: then it is enacted by thaurtorite aforesayde, that as well the kynges attourney as every other person for the kinge shall be admitted to objecte and alledge, y^e the person so arraigned afore the doinge of the offence or offences, wherof he thā is arraigned, did take priuiledge of sanctuary in y^e same sanctuary, wherof he allegeth him to be taken out, or in any other place priuiledged within thys realme upon any abiuration, or for any other pety treasō, murder or felony than wherof he is arrayned, and that he there had & enioyed priuiledge of sanctuary for the same, and that he so hauinge once priuilege of sanctuary in the same, did cōmit the offence of pety treason, murder or felony, wherof he than is arrayned: or that he went out of the sayd sanctuary, and cōmitted the same offence, wherof he is indited and arraigned, and pray that such person so arraigned may be excluded of restitution to the sanctuary by him demaunded. And in case the saide plee and objection, so alleged, be denied by the person so arraigned, than it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesaide, that it shall be soothwith tried afore the same Justices, where suche person is so arrayned, and by the same iurours of the same countye that shall trie the pety treason, murder or felonye, wherof he is arrayned, without further delay, in whatsoeuer county or counties, place or places of this realme, the same other takynge of sanctuary shalbe alleged or objected to be done or had. And if the plee so objected against the sayde person arrayned, be tried against him by verdit of xij. men, or by his owne confessiō and also it be found by verdict of xij. men, or by his owne confession, accordinge to the orde of the lawe, that he is guiltye of the pety treason, murder or felonye, or of any accessory to any such offence, wherof he is so arrayned, that then like iudgemente and execution shall be geuen and doone upon every suche persō as though he had be no sanctuary person, nor had claymed or required the priuiledge of the same. And if any suche person be lawfully acquitted of the pety treason, murder or felony, wherof he shalbe so endited and arraigned, thē he shall be restored to the same sanctuary, out of the whiche he was taken, there to haue the priuilege of the same, in like maner as he had before.

Provided alway, that if any person beynge or abydinge in any sanctuary
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as a sanctuarie persone, hereafter shall happen to bee indited for any manner of felony supposed to be committed by him or her going out of the same or any other sanctuary, and committing the same felony whyles that he or she so was a sanctuary persone, he or she being endited of any such felony supposed to be done without the sanctuary, shall not be taken out of y^e sanctuary, wherein the same person shall than be resident, before that he or shee be examined thereof by two of the kynges moste honourable counsaile, or by foure Justices of peace of the shyre, where the sanctuary is wherein the person so indited is resident. And yf the same person so endited within .4. daies after the first examination do make such profe as the said examiners by their discretions shall thinke sufficient, that the same person was in the sanctuary at the time of the sayde felony committed: than he or she making such profe shall be suffered to remaine and be in the same sanctuary, without any extraction fro^m the same, the sayde enditement or any thyng in this acte aboue written notwithstandinge.

Provided also, that if any person, whiche was at any tyme a sanctuary person for any petite treason, murder, or felony, obtayne and haue the kynges pardon, and therby or other wise be at large and out of sanctuary discharged or purged of that offence or cause, wherefore the same person toke sanctuary, and after ward do committe other petty treason, felony or manslaughter by chauncemedly, and not murder of malice prepensed, and thereupon agayne take sanctuary for any suche petty treason, felony or manslaughter by chauncemedly: the same person shall haue and enioy the priuileg of sanctuary for that his or her other offence of petty treason, felony or manslaughter by chauncemedly, as the same pers^{on} mought haue had before the makinge of this acte, any thinge in y^e same acte conteyned notwithstandinge.

And ouer this for more speedy trials of murders & felonies, be it enacted by auctorite aforesayd, that all manner of foreyn plees triable by the countrey hereafter to be pleded by any persone or persones arrayned upon any enditement for any petty treason murder or felony, shall be forthwith tried before the same Justices afoze whome suche persons shalbe arrayned and by the same iurours of the same county that shall trie the petty treason murder or felony, whereof he shall so be arrayned, without any further respite or delay, in what so euer county or countyes, place or places of this realme the matter of the same plees be supposed or alleged. And that no person arrayned for any petty treason murder or felony be from henceforth admitted to any peremptorie chalenge aboue the nombre of .xx. This acte to endure to the ende of the nexte parliament.

Provided alwayes that no persone or persones bee hereafter excluded or in any wise hurted to haue and enioy any priuileg of sanctuary for any offence or offences, being of any hie^r nature in the lawe than the offences and causes specified in this acte be: but that euery persone and persones for

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suche offences of hier nature may haue and enioye priuilege of sainctuary, in as free and liberall maner and after suche forme, as they moughte haue Done by þ lawes and customes of the realme afore the makinge of this act any thyng in this acte to the contrary hereof not withstandynge.

¶ An acte concernynge the kynges generall pardon for
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The Kyng our soueraygne Lorde, callynge to his blessed & mooste gracious remembraunce, that his good and lounge subiectes, the mooste Reuerende father in God the Archebyschoppe of Canterburpe, and othre byshoppes, suffraganes, prelates, and other spyrituall persones of the prouince of the archebyschopyrche of Canterburpe of thys hys realme of Englande, and the mynysters vnder wyrtten, whyche haue exercised, practysed, or executed in spyrituall courtes, and other spyrituall Iurysdyctions within the sayde prouince, haue fallen and incurred into dyuers Daungers of his lawes by thynges Doone, perpetrated, and commytted, contrary to the order of his lawes, and specially contrary to the fourme of the statutes of prouisor, prouisions, and Premunire, and his hyghnesse hauinge alway tender eye with mercy, pitye and compassion, towarde his sayde spirituall subiectes, myndyng of his hyghe goodnesse and greate benignitye so alwayes to imparte the same vnto the, as Justice beyng daily administred, all rigour be excluded, and the great and beneuolent myndes of his sayde subiectes largely and many times approued toward his highnesse, and speciallye in their conuocation and Synode nowe presently beyng in the Chapter howse of the monastery of Westminster, by correspondence of gratitude to them to be requited: of hys mere mocion benignity and liberalite by auctoryte of this his parliament, hath giuen and graunted his liberall and free pardone to his sayde goode and lounge spyrituall subiectes, and the sayde ministers and to euery of theym to be had, taken, and enioyed to and by theym and euerye of theym by vertue of this presente acte in maner and fourme ensowyng, that is to wytte: The kynges highnes of his sayde benignitye and high liberalite, in consideration that the saide Archebyschop, byshops and clergye of the saide prouince of Caunterbury in their saide conuocation, nowe beyng, haue gyuen and granted to hym a subsidye of one hundreth thousande poundes of lawefull money currant in this realme to bee leuied and collected by the sayde cleargye at their propre costes and charges, and to be payed in certayne fourme specified in their sayde graunte thereof, is fullye and resolutely contented and pleased, that it bee ordeyned, establisshed, and enacted by auctoryte of this his saide parlamente, that the mooste Reuerende father in God William Archebyschoppe of Caunterburpe metropolytane and primate of all Englande

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Englande, and all other byshoppes, and suffraganes, prelates, abbottes, priours, and theyr conuentes, and euery person of the same conuentes and conuentes corporate, and euery person of the same conuentes corporate, abbesse, prioresses, and religiouse nunnes, and all other religious and spirituall persones, deanes, and chapiters, and other dignities of cathedrall and collegiall churches, prebendaries, canons, and petye canons, vicars, and clerkes of the same, and euery personne of the same, all archdeacons, maysters, prouostes, presidentes, wardayns of colleges, and of collegiate churches, maysters, and wardaynes of hospitalls, all felowes, bretherne, scholers, priestes and spirituall conductes, and euery of the same, and all bycars generall of dioces, chauncellours, commissaries, officialles, and deanes rurales, and all ministers, hereafter generally rehersted of any spirituall courte or courtes within the sayde prouince of Canturbury, that is to say, all iudges, aduocates, registers, and scribes proctours constituted to iudgementes, and apparitours, and all other which within the said prouince of the archebischopriche of Canturbury, at any tyme heretofore haue administred, exercised, practised, or executed in any iuridiccions within the sayd prouince, as officers, and ministers, of the sayde courtes, or haue bene ministers or executours to the exercise or administration of the same and all and singular politike bodres spirituall, in any maner wise corporated, and all persones vicars, curates chauntrye priestes, stipendaries, and all and euery persone and persones spirituall of the clergy of the sayde prouince of Canturbury in this present acte of pardon hereafter not excepted, or to the contrary not prouided for, by whatsoever name or surname, name of dignite, preeminence or office, they or any of them be or is named or called the successours, heires, executours, & administratours of them, & of euery of them, shall be by auctoritie of this presente pardon, acquitted, pardoned released, and discharged agaynst his highnesse, his heires, successours and executours, and euery of them of all and all maner offences contempres, & trespasses comitted or done, agaynst all and singular statute and statutes of prouisoires, prouisions, and premunire, and euery of them and of all forsaitures, & titles, that may grow to the hynge highnes by reason of any of the same statutes, and of all & singular trespasses wronges deceites misdemeanours forsaitures penalties and profites, sommes of mony peines of death, peines corporall and pecuniar, as generally of all other thynges, causes, quarrels, lutes, iudgementes, and exaccions in this present acte hereafter not excepted nor forpyssed, which may be or can be by his highnes in any wyse or by any meanes pardoned before and to the tenth day of the moneth of march, in the .xxii. yere of his most noble reigne to euery of his said louing subiectes that is to say to the sayd archbishop and other the said bishops, suffraganes, prelates, abbottes, priours, & conuentes, and euery person of the same conuentes, and conuentes corporate and euery person of the same conuentes corporate, abbesse, prioresses, nunnes & spirituall persons

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in dignitee, and all other religious and spirituall persons, deanes, chapters, prebendaries, canons, petie canons, bycars chozalles, and clerkes, archdeacons, maysters, prouostes, presidentes, wardaynes, felowes, bretherne, schollers, priestes, and spirituall conductes, chancellours, vicars general of diocesis, commissaries, officials, deanes, ruralls, all iudges, aduocates, registers, and scribes, proctours, & apparitours, which haue aduocated practised or executed any iurisdiction in any spiritual court within the sayd prouince, and to the sayd polityke bodyes, spirituall persons, vicars curates chantrye priestes stipendaries, and to all and euery persō and persons spirituall of the clergie of the sayde prouince, and to all and euery other person or persons before named.

Also the kynges highnes is contented, that it be enacted by auctorite of this present parliament, that this saide free pardon, shall be as good and effectuell in the lawe to euery of his sayde spirituall subiectes of the sayed prouince, and to euery of them, and to the saide ministers and euery of them, and to all and euery of the sayd bodyes corporate and other persons before named & to euery of them by these generall wordes before rehearsed in all thinges whiche be not hereafter in this presente acte excepted as the saide pardon shoulde haue bene, if all offences, contemptes, and forsaitures, causes, matters, suites, quarells iudgments executions, penalties, and all other thinges not hereafter excepted had ben particularly, singularly & plainly pardoned named rehearsed & specified by proper or expresse wordes and names in their kyndes natures and qualities in wordes and termes therunto requisite in the sayde pardon. And that his said subiectes hereafter not excepted, nor any of them, their sayde ministers, successours, heires, executoures, nor administatours, of any of them, nor any of them, nor any of the sayd bodyes corporate, be nor shall be sued, vexed nor inquieted in their bodies goods, landes nor cattails for any maner matter cause contempte misdemeanour forfeiture trespass offence, or any other thinge suffered, done or committed before the sayd tenth day of Marche against the kynges highnesse, his crowne, prerogative, lawes, statutes, or dignitee, but only for suche causes matters and offences, as be specially & plainly rehearsed in the exceptions forpyles, and prouisions in this present pardon hereafter mencioned and for none other, any statute or statutes lawes, customs, vse or presidet heretofore made or vsed to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

Also the kynges highnes of his bounteous liberalitie, by auctorite of this present parliament graunteth and freely geueth vnto his sayed spirituall subiectes, and theyr sayde ministers, that is to say, the sayde Archebysshoppe and all other the sayde bysshoppes, suffraganes, prelates, abbottes, priours, conuentes, abbesses, priouesses, nunnes, and spirituall persones in dignitee, and all other religious and spirituall persons deanes, chapters, prebendaries canons, petie canons, vicars, chozalles, and clerkes

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clerkes, archdeacons, maysters, prouostes, presidentes, wardens, felowes by etherne, scholers, priestes, spirituall conductes, Chauncellours, vicars generall of diocesse, commissaries, officials, deanes, ruralles, iudges, advocates, registers, scribes, proctours, and apparitours, bodyes corporate, and politike bodyes, spirituall persons, vicars, curates, chauntery priestes, stipendiaries, and to all other personnes spiritual men and women of the clergy or spiritualtie of the sayde prouince, and to euery of them, all such goods, catelles, fynes, issues, profites, amerciamentes, forsaitures, and summes of money by anye of theyn forsafted, which to his hyghnes do or shoulde belonge or appertayne by reason of any offence, contempte, misdemeanour trespass matter cause or quarrell suffered done or committed by them or any of them before the sayde tenth day of Marche, which bee not hereafter specially and plainly forgyued and excepted in this present acte of pardon. And that all and euery of the sayde spirituall subiectes, and theyr sayd mynisters, and all and euery of the sayd bodyes corporate & other persons before named may by himselfe or his or theyr atturney or attourneis, accordyng to the lawes of this realme, pleade & mynister this present acte and free pardon, for his or theyr discharge of & for euery thing that is thereby pardoned, without any fee or other thing therfore in any wyse payeing to any person or persons for pleading wytyng or entree of iudgmēt, or for any oth. r cause, concerning the same, but onely r. d. to the clerke that shall enter the plee matter or iudgemēt for his or theyr discharge in that behalf, any statute or v. le to the contrary notwithstanding.

And farthermore the kyngs highnes is contēted, that it be enacted by auctoryty of this present parliament, that his sayd free pardon in all maner courtres of his lawes, & els whēre, shalbe reputed deemed iudged allowed and taken as wel in the wordes and clauses of the exceptions and forgyues specified in this presente pardon and acte, as in all and singuler the other clauses wordes and sentences mēcioned & reherled in the sayd free pardon, most beneficially and auaylably to all and singuler his sayd subiectes, and to euery of the sayd bodyes corporate, and politike bodyes spirituall, and to euery person spirituall of the sayd clergy and spirituality, and to theyr said ministers and officers, and to all other personnes afozenamed, and to euery of them, and to the successours, heyres executors, and ministratours of euery of them, and most strongly in barre & discharge agaynst his highnesse, his heyres, successours, and executors in euery thinge without obstacle chaleng or other delaye whatsoeuer it be, to be made, pleaded, objected or alledged by the king our soueraigne lord, his heyres, successours, or executors, or by his or any of their general attourney or attourneys, or by any other person or persons for his highnes, or any of his heyres successours or executors.

And furthermore it is enacted by the king our soueraygne lord, and by auctoryty of this present parliamēte, & if any officer or clerke of any of his

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high courtes commonly called the kyngs benche, Chauncery, & common place, or of his eschequer, or anye other officer or clerke of any other of his courtes wythin this realme, after the feast of Ester comming, make oute or write oute any maner of wryttes or other procelle, or any extractes or other precepts, wherby any person or persons of his sayd subiects or any of the said bodyes corporate or politike bodyes sppytuall, or any of them, shalbe in any wise arrested attached distreined somoned or otherwise beryed troubled or greued in his or their bodyes, landes, tenements, goods or cattelles, or in any of the for or because of any maner of thing acquitted, pardoned, released or discharged by this presente acte of free pardon, hee so offendinge and thereof lawfully condemned, shal yelde and pay for recompence therof to the party so greued or offended treble damages, accepted as percel of those damages or costes of the suite. And neuerthelesse all and singuler suche wryttes procelle extractes and preceptes after the said feast of Ester to be made for or vpon any maner thing acquitted pardoned released or discharged by this present act of free pardon, shal be utterly voyde & of none effect.

Excepted alwayes and forpyssed out of this pardon al maner high treasons, al prepenesd & voluntarie murders, all robberies of Churches & robberies done by or to mens persons, al other felonies & robberies by the common lawe, or felonious takinge of money, goods, and cattelles aboue the value of xx. s. all felonies brenninges of houses, all carnall rauishmentes of women, all raysing of recozds, all outlawes of highe treasons, & all maner of felonies other than felonies to the sayde value of xx. s. or vnder the some. And that all other outlawes had promulged vpon or against any of the kynges sayde subiectes for anye cause not beinge treason murder or felonie aboue the sayde some of xx. s. to be pardoned by the general wordes of this pardon aforesayd, so alway that the same said subiectes and every of them so beinge outlawed, stande to right to answer or satisfy y party, at whose suite he is outlawed according to the lawes of this realme.

Also excepted and forpyssed out of this pardon all titles and actions of Quare impedit, and titles of presentacions donacions & collacions to benefices and other promotions sppytuall, which the kinge our soueraygne lord hath or is intituled to haue other than he growe should or might grow vnto our said soueraigne lord by force or meane of any statute or statutes of prouisoours prouisions or premunire.

And also excepted and forpyssed out of this pardon all rauishmentes of the kynges wardes, all wastes of the kynges woods in his forrestes, parkes and chales, all conceplementes of customes and subsidies, al riottes, rowtes, and vnlawfull assemblies committed and done aboue the number of twenty persons.

And also excepte all maner of alienacions and giftes into mortmayne, and all alienacions giftes assignementes willes and limitacions of bles of any manours landes tenementes rentes annuities and other hereditaments

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mentes to the vse of any maner mortmayne, and all intrusions had made or done in or into any manours, landes, tenementes, or other hereditamentes, sithen the feast of the Nativity of our lord God, in the xxiij. yere of the reigne of our sayde soueraygne lord, and also all offences committed and done by digging downe or castynge downe of any crosse or crosses, which stode or were set in any common or highe waye or wayes, & all & singuler dettes other than dettes growen upon recognisances being all ready forfayted for surety of the peace, or for apparaunce at any day or place.

And excepted and forpypled out of this pardon al accomptes and all actions, suites and impetitions for the same accompte and arreages of accomptes, and for the sayde dettes or any of them hereby excepted and forpypled, all homages and relieffes, all wilfull escapes, as well of conuictes as of other persons, dettes which were due to the moste noble king of famous memorie king Henry the vij. or to any person or persons to his vse, by any condemnation, recognisance, obligacion or other wyse, all and singuler those forfaytures due to oure soueraygne lord king Henry the viij. by anye penall statute or statutes, which be conuerted into the nature of dette by iudgement or by agreements of the offendours before the sayde tenth day of March, and all forfaytures and other penalties and profitcs growen or due by reason of any offence or act committed or done contrary to any statute or statutes, or contrary to the comyn law, wherof any seysour is made, or any informacion geuen in the kinges cheker, or any sute comenced before the sayde tenth daye of March, or wherof the kinges highnes by his bille signed or other wyse hath made any gifte or assignement to any of his seruauntes, other than such actions, suites, forfaytures, penalties and profitcs growen or due, or which might growe or be due to the kinges highnes by reason of any offence, contempt, or acte committed or done contrary to the said statute of prouisoours, prouisions and determination or any of them.

And also excepted al issues forfayted fines and amerciamentcs assiered, taxed, set, extorted, or iudged severally or particularly extending about the somme of C. xx. s. And that all and singuler other fines, as well fines pro licencia concordandi, as other, and all other issues and amerciamentcs as wel reall as iother, which severally or porticularly extende not about the sayde somme of C. xx. s. whether they be totted or not totted, taken to the charge of the sheryffe or not taken to his charge, extorted or not extorted, whether they bee tourned into Dette or not Dette, and not beinge leuped nor receyued by anye sheryffe or sheryffes, bayliffes, mynisters, or other officers, shalbe fully clerely and plainly pardoned and discharged to enery of the kinges subiectes before rehersed agaynst the king our soueraygne lord his heires and successours for ever.

And it is further enacted by the auctorite aforesayde, that in case it bee objected to anye Sheriffe, or Sheriffes, or other accomptauntes in the
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kynges courte of his eschequer, or in any other his courtes, that any sheriffe or sheriffes, or other officers accomptantes hath or haue receyued or taken any such fines issues or amerciamentes before pardoned released or acquitted: than euery suche sheriffe and sheriffes and other accomptantes shalbe discharged released pardoned and acquitted thereof by his or theyr othe without any further tryall in that behalfe.

Provided alway, that this acte of free pardon shal not in any wyse extend or be beneficiall or auaylable in any thing to the reuerende father in God John archbishop of Beuelen now beyng in the kyngs land & Dominion of Ireland, nor shal in any wyse extend to pardon, discharge, release or acquite the bishop of Hereford, nor shal extend or be beneficiall to Peter Ligham clerke, John Baker clerke, Adam Trauers clerke, Robert Cliffe clerke, Roulande Philippes, and Thomas Belles clerkes.

Provided also that this acte of pardon shal not extend or bee prejudiciall to the kyng our souerayne lord, his heyyes or successours in any thing concernynge or touchinge his righte and title of dissolution of the colledge beyng in the Uniuersity of Oxford, commonly called the Cardinales colledge, whych was lately founden by þe late reuerend father in God, Thomas late Cardinall and archbishoppe of Yorke, nor concernynge the kynges righte and title to the suite of the same Colledge, nor shal extend or bee in any wyse beneficiall or auaylable to the Deane and canons of the same colledge, or any of them in any thing concernynge þe kynges ryghtes and titles in all manours, lordshippes, landes and tenementes, aduousoys, churches, personages, and other hereditaments of the sayd colledge or any of them.

Provided also, that allowance shal be had to the clergy of the sayd province of Canterbury out of þe sayd somme of one hundred thousand poundes of all and singuler such sommes of money, as shal be reasonably rated and assessed to be payed by þe persons afoze named, beyng fully excepted & forpypled out and from the benefite of this free pardon, þe is to say, the sayd archbishop of Beuelen, and the sayd bishop of Hereford, & the sayd Peter Ligham, John Baker, Adam Trauers, Robert Cliffe, Roulande Philippes, and Thomas Belles, because that they and euery of them, shal not be contributours nor charged to the payment of the sayd somme of one hundred thousand poundes.

Provided also that this acte of free pardon shal not extend nor be in any wyse beneficiall to any clerke or other person of the sayd clergy or spirituality, beinge the sayde tenth daye of Marche in the custody of the sayde archbishoppe, or of any other ordinary of the sayde province, as a personne atteynted or convicted by the lawes of this realme, of any murder, felonye or other crime or offence for or concerninge deliuerance oute of the sayde conuicte prison, till that hee shal haue made his purgacion, according to the lawes or customes vsed in that behalfe, or that he bee thereof

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discharged by the kynges pardon or other lawfull meane.

Provided alwaies, that this act shall not extende nor in any wyse be beneficiall or auayleable to any spirituall person, spirituall body corporated or politike, or other spirituall person, hauinge any dignitie, benefice, promotion, or other spirytuall liuelode, within the prouince of Dorce, other than to euery of theim, whiche by his or their particular obligation to bee made in due and perfecte fourme of the lawe, accoordinge to the effecte of a note or minute vnder wrytten, doo bynde him or them selfe before the laste day of May next commynge, in certaine reasonable summe of money, not exceedinge the summe of twoo yeres value of his or their dignities, benefices, promotions or other spirituall liuelode, beyng or lyng within the sayd prouince of Dorce, to sir Brian Tuke knight, tresorier of the kynges most honorable chamber, Christopher Hales the kynges generall attourney, and Baldewin Malette the kynges Sollicitour, or to the ouer liuers or ouer liuer of the, or to any other like Tresourer, Attourney, or Sollicitour for the time beinge, or to any two of them. to be payd to y^e kynges vse vpon certaine condicions specified in the sayde note or minute, the whiche note or minute hereafter ensueth.

NOuerint vniuersi per presentes me Ioannem A. de. T. in comitatu Mid. Clericum teneri & firmiter obligari, Briano Tuke militi, Thesaurario camere domini Regis, Christophoro Hales generali attornato eiusdem domini Regis, & Baldwino Malette Solicitatori ipsius domini Regis, in libris legalis monete Angliæ soluend. eisdẽ Briano, Christo. & Baldwino, aut eorum vni, execut. vel assignatis suis, ad vsum domini Regis in festo sancti Bartholomei apostoli prox futur: post datum presentium. Ad quam quidem solutionem. &c. In cuius rei testimonium. &c. Datum die Anno regni domini Henrici octauī dei gratia Angliæ & Franciæ regis, fidei defensoris & domini Hiberniæ.

¶ The condition of this obligation is suche, that where the mooste Reverend father in God William Archebishop of Canterbury Metropolitane and primate of all Englande, and other prelates, and the clergy of the prouince of Canterbury in their synodall conuocation begon in the Cathedraill church of saint Paule of London, in the .v. day of Nouember in the yere of our lord god M.CCCC.xxix. and latelpe for certayne vrgente causes prozoked vnto the chapter house set within the monastery of saint Peter of westminster, haue graunted to our sayd soueraigne lord the kinge a subsidy of one hundred thousand poundes of currant money within this realme to be leuied and collected of the goodes and possessions ecclesiasticall of the same prouince, and to be payed to our sayde soueraigne lord in five yeaeres from and after the feast of the Annunciacion of our lady saint Mary laste past in certaine fourme specified in the graunt of the same subsidie. If the before bounden John. A. his executours or assignes do pay or cause to bee
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paied to the collectour or collectours of suche subsidy, as hereafter shall be graunted to the kinges highnes by the bishops and other prelates and the clergy of the prouince of **Dozke** in the Synodall conuocation of the same byshoppes, prelates and clergy to be holden or kepte in the same prouynce, as muche and as many of all and singuler those summes of money, which shalbe assessed, taxed and set for and vpon the sayde **John. A.** for and vpon those spirytual dignities, benefices, liuelode and other spirytual possessyons and promotions, whiche the same **John. A.** now hath in y same prouince of **Dozke**, as by the same **John. A.** or his executors shall be due to be payed accordyng to the fourme and effecte of the same graunte hereafter to be made. And in case that no suche subsidy shall be graunted to y Kyng our soueraygne lord, by the sayde byshoppes, prelates, and clergy of the sayde prouince of **Dozke** before y feast of saincte Michael the Archangell nexte comminge, or that a subsidy shall be graunted to the kyng by the same byshoppes, prelates and clergy before the same feast, whiche subsidy shall not extende or amounte to suche like rate and porcion for the prouince of **Dozke** in comparison of the laide summe of one hundred thousand poundes currant money of Englande now graunted vnto the kynges highnes by the sayde clergy of the sayde prouince of **Canterburpe**, as the subsidy laste graunted to his highnesse by the prelates and clergy of the prouince of **Dozke** in their conuocation begon y .xxij. day of Marche, the yere of our lord. **M. D. xxij.** and afterwarde proroged to westminster, was in comparison to the rate and porcion of the subsidy graunted to his highnes by the prelates and clergy of the prouince of **Canterbury** in their conuocation begonne at **Paules churche** in **London** the .v. day of **November**, the yere of our lord. **M. D. xxij.** than if the sayde **John. A.** or his executors do paye or cause to be payed to the Treasourer of the kynges chamber for the time beinge for all his sayde spirytual dignities, benefices, liuelode & other spirytual possessions & promotions beinge or lyinge in the sayde prouince of **Dozke** suche and like summes of money after the rates of the yearlye values of the same his spirytual dignities, benefices, liuelode possessions, & promotions, as the same **John. A.** or any other spirytual person or spirytual bodie corporated or politike shall paye for and in contribution to the payment of the sayde subsidy of one hundred thousande poundes graunted by the laide clergy of the sayde prouince of **Canterbury** for other spirytual dignities, benefices, liuelode and possessions and promotions beinge of like yearlye values, and beinge or lying within the same prouince of **Canterbury**, and in the same feasts within the sayd five yeres to be payd: In whiche the sayd subsidy of one hundred thousande ponde is graunted to be paid: than this present obligation shal be boide and of none effecte, or els it shall stande in full strength and vertue.

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temporall subiectes Cap.xvi.



He kyng our soueraygne lord, hauing alway most tender zeale fauour and affectio vnto his most louing temporall and laye subiectes of this his realme of Englande and of Wales, Caleys & marches of the same, and inwardly remembreinge the manifolde great offences transgressions and cōtemptes perpetrated, committed & done by diuers and many of the sayde temporall and laye subiectes agaynst his highnesse his crowne regall and iurisdiction: royall, contrary to the statutes of prouisions, prouisoours and premunire: by reason wherof they so offendinge haue incurred into the daungers & penalties of the same statutes, in suche wyse that if his highnes would attempt or pursue those his sayd temporall and laye subiectes by the processe & course of his lawes, they should thereby not onely forsayte and lese theyr lands, tenementes goods and cattels, but also they should be out of his gracious protection: his royall maiestye moued wyth most tender pitie loue and compassion, and not mindinge to vse and extende all and singuler his penall lawes vppon his subiectes, but as consyderacion shall moue his grace, so in parte or in whole to remitte and mitigate the rigour of the same: of his mere motion and of his benignitie speciall grace pitie and liberality hath giuen and graunted and by auctorite of this presente parliamente giueth and graunteth to all and singuler his temporall and laye subiectes and temporall bodyes politike and corporated, and to euery of them his most gracious generall and free pardon of and for all and al maner offences transgressions and contemptes committed perpetrated or done agaynst the sayd statutes of prouisoours prouisions and premunire, or any of them before þe thirteth day of Marche, in the xxij. yeare of his most noble reigne, and all forsaytures, penalties, iudgements, execution and peynés for the sayd offences transgressions and contemptes, and euery of them.

And furthermoze be it enacted by auctorite of this parliamente, that al and singuler processe, suites prosecutions, and impetitions in anye wyse hereafter to be awarded or made agaynst any of his sayde temporall subiectes, or agaynst any of the sayd temporall bodyes politike and corporated for or vpon any of the sayd offences, transgressions, or contemptes committed or done before the sayd xxx. day of March, shall be utterly voyde and of none effecte.

FINIS.

God saue the King.